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For a long time I have been thinking of writing what might be called a sort of family history, giving to my children, who never had the pleasure of knowing their grand-parents and comparatively few of their relatives, as much information as I have been able to collect and remember of our ancestors and family connections, as well as, sidelights which I think would be interesting to them. I aim to write it partly in story form.

I realize it will be very primitive and incomplete, for there will be many missing links, as well as, names; both surnames and given names, also dates, etc.

However, I will do the best I can, in the fond hope that they, at least, will enjoy going over it in the after years.

My regret is, that I let the opportunity pass to obtain a great deal of the information that I now desire, when it would have been an easy matter to have gained it.

I knew all my grandparents who lived to a good old age, and also two of my great-grandparents, and I remember having heard them often talk of their ancestors, especially my granfather Buckingham, who lived to be ninety-one. My father and mother died comparatively young but I usually had an attentive ear to their conversation in regard to their ancestors and other relatives and being one of the older children, I knew a great many of them personally.

I have also been enabled to get quite a bit of information from Scharf's History of Western Maryland. A history published about eighteen eighty-one, and was quite a complete history of the Western part of the state and its citizens.

I shall also include in my story what I have been able to learn of my husband's ancestry, including the Littles, McMurrays, Woods, Stansburys and Lees, as well as my own, which include: the Albert, Franklin, Buckingham, Wilt and Gorsuch families.

The Franklin and Gorsuch families were related on both father's and mother's side. Father's mother was a Franklin and Mother's grandmother was a Franklin, and father's maternal grandmother's maiden name was Elizabet ? Gorsuch and the maiden name of mother's paternal grandmother was Hannah Gorsuch, so you will naturally note a double and treble relationship running thro' the different branches of the families.

I think I shall make the Little family the first subject of my story. They were of French-German lineage, and the first one of the family to seek a home in the New Country, across the sea, was Ludwig (German for Lewis) Klein, who came from Switzerland of Germany (as it was then spoken of) before it became a Republic. Ludwig emigrated to these shores on the ship "Samuel," Capt, Hugh Percy, landing at Philadelphia, August 30th, 1737 and settled in what is now Germany Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

He owned land at Petersburg (afterward Littlestown) later heired by his son Peter, who in 1765 laid it out in town lots and thus founded Littlestown, which still bears his name.

I have just been reading an article on John and Charles Wesley's early missionary work in Georgia and the South, in the time when Colonel Oglethorpe ruled Georgia and was interested to note that when they returned to England, they took passage on this same ship ("Samuel," Capt. Hugh Percy), in October, 1737. Evidently the return passage, for as you see Ludwig landed in Philadelphia, August 30th, of the same year, on the same ship. But on account of delays of one kind or another, they (the Wesley's) did not make their final leave of these shores until December 5th, 1737.

The German name of Klein means Little in English, so after adopting this country as their permanent home they also adopted the English name of Little.

Ludwig (or Lewis) died near Littlestown in 1786 and it seemed hard to him to get away from the German, as his will was signed Klein, but was indexed as Little in the York County records.

This confusion in names led to a blunder in "Appleton's Encyclopedia of American Biography," where Peter Klein's son Peter Little was described as

being born in Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., which is quite another place from Littlestown. The confusion was also carried out on his tombstone, making the name of the Founder of Littlestown, Peter Klein, but finally it all got straightened out all right and "Little" it is.

Ludwig (Klein) Little was married to Mary Eva ——, and their children were Peter, Frederick and Margaret and as I have said, he died near Littlestown in 1786. We will follow Peter in this story as he was great-grandfather to my husband, Samuel L. Little. I am sorry that I do not have any record of the other two, Frederick and Margaret.

Peter (Klein) Little who founded Littlestown in 1765, was born January 27th, 1724. Married Ursula Schreiver, now spelled Shriver, and died in the summer of 1775. He was buried in Christ Reformed cemetery, between Littlestown and Hanover. I have visited his grave there but the German name of Klein is on the stone, which is of very ancient type. The inscription is also in German. The type of stone is similar to some I saw in the old Episcopal churchyard at Alexandria, Va., when visiting there in 1933. The same historic old church where George Washington worshipped.

Their children were: Barbara, married to Matthew Galt. They were the grandparents of the "Galt Brothers," famous jewelry firm, founded 1802, whose last owner was Norman Galt, who when he died, bequeathed the business to his widow, who afterward married Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, as his 2nd wife. Mr. John Galt, Sr., of Westminster, was at one time, also a member of the Galt firm, whose widow and daughter, Mrs. Kate Platt Galt and Miss Nannye, for years lived at Park Place, this city. The Galt jewelry firm was in existence 131 years. The said Barbara and Matthew were their ancestors and the said jewelry business was located in Washington, D. C.

The above mentioned John Galt sold out his interest in the firm on account of his wife's health and removed to a country place near Westminster, where his three children, George, John and Nannye attended school at Western Maryland College. Two of them John and Nannye are again living in Washington, D. C. We lived neighbors for a long time to Nannye and her mother and became fast friends. Michael married Mary Quinner, July 25th, 1778. Catherine, born February 4th, 1755, married a Mr. McSherry. After McSherry's death she was married to John Young and died December 13th, 1839 at the age of 84.

Have no record of Mary and Elizabeth. Susanna was married to John Crapster. Mrs. (Robert W.) Alice Dorsey Galt of Taneytown is a great-great-granddaughter of John and Susanna Little Crapster, and I believe Mrs. Alice Galt's husband is a descendant of the said Matthew and Barbara Little Galt.

J. Ross Galt of New Windsor, is also a great-great-grandson of Matthew and Barbara (Little) Galt, I believe. Have no record of Ludwig II and none of Joseph.

The two younger sons, John and Peter were members of the family who removed to Maryland and settled in Freedom District, in what was then Baltimore County, now Carroll, about the time of the Revolutionary War. John, the great-grandfather to my children was born December 15th, 1773, married to Anna McMurray February 5th, 1889, and died September 5th, 1853, aged nearly 80 years.

Peter (later Colonel) was born Dec. 11, 1775, was married to Miss Lively, daughter of Captain Lively (who owned the business where Peter learned the silversmith trade in Baltimore). They had four sons and one daughter, namely: William Stuart, Henry, John Hancock, Octavius and Annabella.

Octavius was Major in the 9th Regiment, U. S. Army, but resigned at the breaking out of the Civil War and joined his fortunes with the South and was killed in battle at Iuka, Miss. His only daughter Annabella, married Dr. Henry Willis Baxley of Baltimore.

After the death of his first wife, Peter married Miss Catharine ———. There was one son, George Alanson, by this marriage.

Catharine, his second wife, was born in 1788, and died July 18th, 1867, aged 79 years. Her husband (Colonel) Peter died February 5th, 1830. George

Alanson, died at the age of 31 years. They all lie buried in the Methodist Episcopal churchyard, on the old Liberty plank road, midway between Freedom and Eldersburg, where four or five generations of the Littles lie buried.

Ludwig or Lewis (Klein) Little, the ancestor of our branch of the Little family in America and who landed at Philadelphia in 1737 brought his wife Mary Eva ——— with him and undoubtedly all three of the children Peter, Frederick and Margaret.

Peter was born in 1724 and as they did not arrive here until 1737, it is quite probable that the other children were also born in Switzerland.

Switzerland was noted for the manufacture of Swiss watches and I have found that there were a number of silversmiths or watch-makers in the Little family, which trade probably followed from their Swiss ancestry. Our daughter May has a very curiously wrought gold Swiss watch, about 175 or more years old, which belonged to some of her father's ancestors.

One of Peter (Sr.) Little's family married Maria Wendel sister of "Gottlieb" Wendel of New York, but I am not sure which one as I have not traced it back. I believe the relationship to my husband's family is closer on the Stansbury side as his grandmother Lee was a Stansbury of Baltimore, and some of the descendants were mentioned in the distribution of the Wendel property.

Scharf's History of Western Maryland says that some members of this early Little family, settled at Freedom, Baltimore County (now Carroll) as early as 1765. That is probably why our ancestors chose shortly after to come from Pennsylvania and settle in the same community. Some of the Little descendants continued to live there for several generations.

My husband Samuel, was the last of the family to leave the old Home Place, which was in 1902. They were property owners, some of them slave owners, in those days and were active in all community affairs and the business life as well. They were also active in the formation of the new county.

In passing it is interesting to note how Freedom got its name. There was a Baltimore merchant by the name of O'Donnell, and said to be one of the first Baltimore merchants to trade extensively with the Orient, and very wealthy. He owned a large tract of land on and adjacent to the Old Liberty plank road. He conceived the idea of laying out building lots for a certain distance along this road and giving every other lot away or in other words every other lot became a free lot. I don't know just how the system of giving was worked out, but that is why they gave the place the name of Freedom.

He was the grandfather of Julius Berrett, who was a neighbor and contemporary of the earlier Littles of Freedom and I believe that that part of the estate next to Freedom and which includes "Never-Die-Park" still belongs to his descendants by the name of George. His Daughter, Miss Eugenia Berrett married James George, and his grand daughters, Lila and Bertha George married George Parke and James Bond, Jr., respectively, of Westminster. The estate adjoined some of Warren Little's land, also.

The M. E. South Parsonage is at Freedom, and there was a minister by the name of J. Robert Andrew serving the charge along about 1890 and I heard him tell this little joke himself. When attending conference in Baltimore, some one asked him where he lived. He replied; I live in Freedom, on the Liberty Road, by George! Meaning of course, James George.

The Old Liberty plank road was built in Olden times by Convicts and was a direct highway from Baltimore to Liberty Town and to other parts of the country. It is now a concrete highway.

I deviated entirely from following the children of Peter Little (founder of Littlestown) when I got to John.

John was the direct ancestor of my husbands family and Ludwig, the first one to come to America, was his grandfather.

John was born December 15th, 1773, married to Anna McMurray February 5th, 1809 and died September 5th, 1853. They are buried in the Freedom M. E. churcyard, midway between Freedom and Eldersburg, along what was then the Old Liberty road.

Anna McMurray Little was the daughter of John McMurray, who with his wife came to this country from Ireland, and settled in Virginia, where Anna was born December 8th, 1788; died February 8th, 1881. She was also the sister of Samuel McMurray, who married Sarah Sellman, daughter of Vachel and Eleanor Sellman. The said Samuel and Sarah were the parents of Louis McMurray of Baltimore, at whose home she died. He was an inventor and a pioneer canner in this part of the country, with large factories in Frederick and Baltimore. I will give more of his history in another place.

When Anna was a baby her father removed to Maryland where in 1789 he bought a farm in Baltimore, now Carroll County, where the son Samuel was born in 1792. He went to Baltimore in 1813-1814, tho' only 21 years old and took an active part in defending the city in the war of 1812. He returned to his farm in 1815 and was married during that year to Sarah Sellman as mentioned above.

John Sellman, of William, father of Vachel, Jonathan and Johanzee, came to this country in 1750 and established the furnace or iron works situated about two miles west of Westminster, which were worked up until 1880, according to Schaarfs History of Western Maryland.

I am wondering if they were the same iron works that I knew in the 1870's and which were then called the Robertson ore banks, just beyond spring Mills, from Westminster and if the Sellman estate extended that far and included that tract, for I was acquainted in all that section and they were the only iron works that I knew to be active in my young days, besides the Van Bibber works which were near Avondale.

Vachel Sellman's grandson, Joshua II (his father was Joshua also) was married to my grandmother's sister, Eliza Jane Wilt, December 11th, 1861. Issue of this marriage, two sons, Harry Willis Sellman and Louis McMurray Sellman.

Vachel Sellman mentioned above and whom we have mentioned several times, was married to Eleanor Gill of Black Rock, Baltimore County, whose father was one of the leading farmers in his section.

I have the Obituary of Anna (McMurray) Little and I will add it here just as it was published in the papers.

"DEATH OF A VENERABLE LADY"

Mrs. Anna (McMurray) Little died yesterday morning (February 8th, 1881) at the residence of her nephew, Mr. Louis McMurray, 268 West Biddle Street, having reached her ninety-third year.

Mr. Samuel C. Little, well known in connection with Guy's Hotel, is one of her sons. Also Peter Little, a business man of Cincinnati, who has come on for the occasion.

The only living daughter being Mrs. Annabella James of this city.

A daughter Katherine (Little) Steele and a son, Warren L. Little, a prominent citizen of Freedom, Carroll County having died some years ago.

Mrs. Little retained her faculties unimpaired, though confined to the house for a considerable time before her death by the effects of age. She passed away very quietly, without any pain and had received the Sacrament an hour before she expired.

Mrs. Little was born in Berkeley County, Va., December 8th, 1788. Her maiden name was Anna McMurray and she was a sister of Samuel McMurray, the father of Louis McMurray.

Her mother brought her to Baltimore where she was baptized by Archbishop Carroll, the record of which was found among the records of the Cathedral parish, some time since, but not finding any record of her confirmation, she was confirmed by Archbishop Gibbons (who held that office in the Church at that time). Later, Cardinal Gibbons.

She was thus baptized by the first Archbishop of Baltimore and confirmed by the last one who still fills the office. (This was in 1881.) Her parents moved to Baltimore County, now Carroll County. There she married Mr. John Little, brother of Col. Peter Little a soldier of renown and a Representative of Maryland in Congress for twenty-one years. Her remains will

be taken to Freedom, Carroll County, Thursday, for burial in the Methodist Episcopal churchyard there.

I intended to give what I could of John Little's history first, but I have digressed and given his wife's history first, but I don't suppose it will make much difference, so now I will start with the Littles again, and write what I have of John and Peter the younger of the children of Peter, the founder of Littlestown.

I have already spoken of John Little as being a son of Peter and Ursula (Schreiver) Little (now spelled Shriver) and of his birth, marriage and death in another place. He was a land-owner and innkeeper in the days when that was quite a business as all traveling was done by stagecoach, carryall, a great deal of horse-back travel, etc., and large accommodations were required for man and beast, as this was before the time of railroads.

He owned a large log, frame covered building in Freedom, built in 1769, where he carried on; part of which, I believe is still standing, and was long the home of Dr. J. W. Steele, afterward of William DeVries. He also owned the farm land adoining, which William DeVries bought of the Little estate after the death of the said John Little's son, Warren.

After Mr. DeVries retired it fell into the hands of his son Newton, who has recently died leaving no children, and I think a man named Stuart Hurline now owns the farm. I do not know who owns the Inn site. The two places were adoining. I do not know at what time he opened up the Inn but it was before 1800 and was quite profitable to him and he kept it for many years and lived there until his death in 1853.

As I have said this Inn was situated at Freedom, on the Old Liberty plank road, about thirty miles from Baltimore, a direct highway to Liberty Town, Frederick County and the West and was much traveled. His son Warren never left the old roof-tree and did not marry until after his father's death, so he took over the business at the Inn. He may have done so before that time as his father was quite aged when he passad away. After Warren married he established his family in a home nearby, where his widow, who outlived him by forty years raised her boys and occupied it until the time of her death, which occurred July 7th, 1903, when it fell to the heirs of their eldest son George, who had died twenty years before, leaving his widow and a small son and daughter.

Freedom District was noted in Ante-bellum days for its social life. Many of its citizens were prominent socially as well as financially. There were quite a few slaveholders and it was a "hot spot" in the days of the Rebellion with the division of opinion of its citizens.

Among the socially prominent were the families of the Pattersons. (George Patterson was the brother of Betsy Patterson Bonaparte, and owner of Springfield estate, now Springfield Hospital.) He always aimed to keep one hundred slaves, but it was said, that as soon as he would get one hundred, one would die. My husband remembered him very well. He used to ride around the county roads and over his estates on a large iron gray horse with two big dogs following him. He took excellent care of his slaves and had splendid quarters for them. It was from his home at Springfield that Betsy stole out and rode to Baltimore to meet Jerome Bonaparte, with her groom on another horse, following at a respectful distance.

Well, I will call the roll partially again. I could write a lot of interesting items about the most of these folks, a few of whom I afterward learned to know personally or by sight, and used to love to hear the old folks recall incidents and happenings in the life of the District.

The Pattersons, Beasmans, Browns, Warfields, Bennetts, Dorseys, Hewitts, Ridgeleys, Polks, Pearces, Gores, Berretts, Steeles, Littles, Proughs, Devries, Wadlows, Norris's and others whom I do not know or recall. Among them were future Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Legislators, and still others elected to fill offices in our own county, besides many filled appointive offices.

Social affairs of the community were sometimes held at the Inn, and often distinguished travelers stopped there, and the country-side would sometimes gather to do them honor.

The old Inn had the high mantels and unique hand carving betokening its great age.

The business proved quite profitable to Warren, as well as to his father, and he was widely known in his day. He filled a number of local and county offices, organized, trained and drilled a troop of cavalry of which he was made Colonel. Daughter May still has his sword and epaulettes.

He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates at the time of his death, during the Civil War. He died in 1863.

When Freedom Lodge No. 112, A. F. & A. M. was organized in 1862, he was a charter member and its first W. Master. The other officers were: S. W., Dr. Joseph Steele; J. W., Nicholas L. Rogers; Secretary, J. Oliver Wadlow, who held the office for years; Treasurer, John Deckabaugh.

His two sons in due time became members of the same Lodge, and members of the fraternity officiated at the burials of the father and both sons.

I think that Anna McMurray Little, widow of John and mother of Warren Little continued to reside at the Home in Freedom until after her sons death in 1863, when she spent her remaining days with relatives in Baltimore.

The children of John and Anna (McMurray) Little were five, namely:

Catherine Anna	born July 26th, 1810
Warren Lewis	born Feb. 28th, 1812
Samuel C.	born Dec. 19th, 1813
Annabella	born Apr. 20th, 1816
Peter	born Nov. 15th, 1828

Catherine Anna or Kitty, became the second wife of Joseph Steele. They had no children but Mr. Steele had children by a former marriage. One of whom was Dr. Joseph W. Steele, a prominent and widely known physician of Freedom and Sykesville. He was our family physician for a long time, as well as a good friend. When he became quite up in years he and his wife and daughter Anna removed to Baltimore, where he died at the age of 94 years. Kitty died April 11th, 1865, aged nearly 55 years. She is buried in the Freedom M. E. Churchyard.

Warren Lewis Little was born February 28th, 1812, married to Susanna Lee, June 7th, 1855, by Rev. John Bowen. She was the daughter of Joshua Lee, Sr. (one of the Old Defenders) and Susanna (Stansbury) Lee. He was taken ill while serving as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, in Civil War time and died February 21st, 1863, aged 50 years, 11 months and 23 days.

The Stansbury family of Baltimore to which Susanna (Stansbury) Lee belonged, lately has been proved to be connected to the Stansburys of Wendel fame, being connections of the same family as William Stansbury, of Baltimore, whose descendants were declared eligible to a portion of the estate.

Warren Lewis and Susanna (Lee) Little had three children, two sons, namely: George Albert, Samuel Lewis, and one daughter, Laura Eugenia.

Warren lived all his life as his father before him at Freedom, on what was then the old Liberty road. I have already given in the foregoing, about all I know of Warren's history, except that after the formation of the new county of Carroll.

Scharf's History tells of Warren and several connections of his at Freedom, as having filled a number of local offices, before his being elected to the Maryland Legislature as a Republican.

Samuel C. Little was born at Freedom, December 19th, 1813, was married to Miss Elizabeth Guy and died December 18th, 1899, within one day of being 86 years of age. He went to Baltimore when a young man and became book-keeper for ——— Guy of Guy's hotel fame, a contemporary and rival of Barnum's Hotel, which were both famous in their day and were then the largest in the city. His wife was the daughter of the owner of the hotel and later on he became the owner and proprietor. His obituary says he was a very handsome man and familiarly called Colonel, from his tall and stately manner and military bearing. He was fond of good plays and was well known to the theatrical people of that day. His hotel was patronized by many of the "Troupes".

I have heard my husband say that he could be seen any "Premiere" night,

occupying an orchestra seat, mostly in the same place, and whenever it was his good fortune to go (for he liked a good play too) he always knew where to find "Uncle Sam".

His wife only lived six years after their marriage and he never remarried. They had an only son, William, who left home when a young man, and never after, let his folks hear from him. He was the last proprietor of Guy's Hotel, which he sold to the U. S. Government, I think it was probably in the late 1880's for the present Baltimore City Post Office. I believe the Government bought Barnum's Hotel at the same time. They were both razed, as I say, to make room for the Post Office building.

Annabella, born April 20th, 1816, married a Mr. —— James, a widower with children, but she had none of her own. They resided in Baltimore, where I believe, she is buried. I don't know much to write of them, but I have heard them spoken of as prominent in society of their day.

Peter Little of Baltimore and Cincinnati, was born at Freedom, November 15th, 1828. He was about twenty-five years old at his father's death. He lived for a time in Cincinnati, holding a responsible position with his Cousin Louis McMurray. He shipped large quantities of his canned products there and made that a distributing point for shipping his goods farther west and south, Peter acting as business agent there for him. He married Sophia Louisa Garmhausen a Baltimore girl, and I think he died in the city. They had three daughters and three sons, namely: Charles, who died at the age of two years; Warren Lewis married Anna M. Gerber, has lived in Baltimore, I believe, all his life and has been employed for years in a transportation capacity at one of the shipping piers; William Peter has never married; Anna Elizabeth is married to H. Jerome Thomas; Catherine Belle, is married to Thornton Dorsey; Sophia Louisa is married to Louis G. Peppler. They are all living on Poplar Grove Street, in Baltimore City, in adjoining homes, I believe.

Peter Little (afterward Colonel), the youngest of the children of Peter I, (founder of Littlestown), and Ursula Schreiber (Shriver now) was born December 11th, 1775, married a daughter of Captain Lively, proprietor of the business where he learned his trade as Watchmaker and silversmith, and died on his farm at Freedom, after a severe illness of twelve days, February 5th, 1830, in the 55th year of his age. I have a splendid obituary of him and his activities which appeared in the newspapers shortly after his death, and which I will have placed in another part of my story, together with one of Samuel C. Little, his nephew, who was brother to my husband's father.

During the War of 1812, Peter was commissioned Colonel of the 38th Maryland Infantry and served from May 19th, 1813, to June 15th, 1815, but before that he had been elected to the Twelfth Congress, and served from March 4th, 1811, to March 3rd, 1813. Then after serving in the War of 1812 he was re-elected to the Fourteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Pinkey (grandfather of Ex-Gov. William Pinkney White) was re-elected to succeeding Congresses and served continuously until 1829. He died about a year later. His only daughter Annabella, married Dr. Henry Willis Baxley of Baltimore.

The family of John Little, my husband's grandfather, with the exception of "Kitty" Little Steele and son Warren, all went to Baltimore and became residents and business people of the city.

Appropos of the formation of Carroll County, the Act passed the Legislature and was signed by Governor Veazy and became law, January 19th, 1837, and the county thus formed from Baltimore and Frederick, was given the beautiful name of Carroll, in honor of the famous Maryland Colonist and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, near Freedom, where my husband's immediate ancestors, both paternal and maternal, lie buried, was built in 1822, and is still in fine condition. There are four or five generations of his immediate family buried there, including our infant son, Warren Albert Little.

As I have already mentioned, Warren Lewis Little, eldest son of John and Anna (McMurray) Little, was married to Susanna Lee, June 7th, 1855, and at his death in February, 1863, left his widow, two sons and one daughter, namely:

George Albert, born July 27th, 1856, married to Aledias Abigail Duvall May 18th, 1881. She was the daughter of Samuel R. Duvall, prominent Merchant and business man of Sykesville, Md. He was employed by the B. & O. Rail Road and after a short married life of less than four years, he lost his life in an accident, leaving his young widow and a small son, James Albert and baby girl Clara Annetta.

James Albert was born November 27th, 1882. Was a graduate of McDonogh, a fine school for boys, afterward securing a position in the Census Bureau in Washington, living with his mother, she having taken up her residence there. Later on he was occupying a splendid position as statistician with a Washington corporation. During the epidemic of the "Flu" he was stricken with the disease and never recovered from the effects of it. His mother took him to Long Beach, California, in the hope of recovering his health, but after a short stay there, he passed away February 11th, 1919, aged 36 years, 2 months, 14 days. He had made his home mostly with his mother, she having remained a widow for a long time, tho' she had lots of admirers for she was a charming and gifted woman, but finally she married a Mr. Bessler of Washington, and is again a widow.

Clara Annetta, born March 16th, 1884, is married to Captain Louis Bennett, of the U. S. Revenue Service, so her husband's station is frequently changed, but always at some port or coastal point, I believe he is now stationed in Washington. She has no children.

Laura Eugenia, Warren and Susannas only daughter, was born October 4th, 1859 and was just a little more than three years old at the time of her father's death. She died of diphtheria, about six months later, August, 1863.

The two little brothers, George and Samuel also had the disease, but recovered. They were about seven and five years, respectively. The father left a will which provided for his widow and sons but said, "The Lord will provide for the baby girl," so He took her home shortly afterward. It seemed sort of prophetic, for him to say that. His widow lived for more than forty years after his death, in the home at Freedom, which he had left her. She died July 7th, 1903, and was buried July 9th.

Samuel Lewis, was born March 28th, 1858, was married September 22nd, 1886 to Millie E. Albert, a teacher in the Carroll County Schools and daughter of Rezin Franklin Albert, farmer of near Westminster.

They were married on a September afternoon in historic old Stone Chapel M. E. Church, on the New Windsor Circuit. I have a paperweight which I prize very much, containing a picture of the church.

Samuel Little passed away September 11th, 1927, just eleven days before what would have been our forty-first anniversary. He is buried in Westminster Cemetery. All the rest of the Warren Little family lie buried in the Methodist Episcopal churchyard, midway between Freedom and Eldersburg. He was in the seventieth year of his age.

When I first started teaching which was in 1882, Prof. Joseph Newson had charge over the public schools. Then I taught a year or two under Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh. Then I think Dewees L. Farrar followed Mr. Diffenbaugh, then Prof. Shadrach Simpson, then Prof. George A. Morelock, followed by Dr. M. S. H. Unger and now Prof. Raymond Hyson is Superintendent of Schools in Carroll County.

Samuel L. and Millie Albert Little have two sons and two daughters. One son Warren Albert, as before mentioned, having died in infancy and is buried in the churchyard at Freedom.

Samuel and wife for a time made their home with his mother, at the old Little home at Freedom, later buying a property at Eldersburg, where we spent a number of happy years with pleasant memories. in 1902 we desired to make a change, so we sold our property there and removed to Westminster, April 1st, of that year. In 1926 we built a home on West Green Street, which it was not our privilege to long occupy or enjoy, Samuel being claimed in death in 1927. The children not being willing for me to stay there alone, I sold it to my eldest daughter and husband, they being desirous to possess it, reserving an upstairs apartment, in exchange for certain concessions.

In a very short time I was approached by members of the Board of Managers of "Cassell Home" (an institution for the aged), offering me the

position of Matron, which after a spell of hesitation and consideration, I decided to accept—at least, to try for a while. To my surprise the work proved very congenial to me and I liked it so well that I have stayed on thro' the years. Now nearly nine.

The four living children are: Harry Edgar, born at Freedom, Carroll County, July 9th, 1888, married June 30th, 1930, to Violet Elizabeth Connell, daughter of Francis J. and Elizabeth (Folger) Connell of Stoughton, Mass., a suburb of Boston. He attended the public schools and Westminster High School and being mechanically inclined, he learned the trade of plumbing and heating with the Westminster Hardware Company. Later went to Sebring, Ohio, and worked for several years with the Leonard Hardware Company, coming back home in spring of 1917.

He volunteered for service in the World War. Chose the Navy and was examined and accepted as a mechanic, with grade of Petty Officer and served for a little more than two years, when he was honorably discharged. He then went to New York City and followed his trade there for several years until in 1928 when the American Legion held its annual convention in Texas he decided to take an automobile trip to San Antonio and take in the Convention (being an ardent member of the Legion).

When the Convention was over he decided to keep on traveling West, so he continued on until he had driven all the way to Los Angeles. There some time later he met a fine young woman who later on became his wife, she having gone from her home in Boston to Los Angeles, a few years previously. After three or four years residence there they decided to go to San Francisco, thinking it a more equable climate with not such extreme heat. They think California a wonderful state. They have no children.

I think I have already mentioned that when son Harry was a boy he lived for several years, with his grandmother Little and her sister (whom we affectionately called Auntie), at Freedom which was just a mile from Eldersburg, where we were then living. There he had a dog given to him, when it was just a puppy, which he raised until it grew to be quite a big follow. I don't think it was of any special breed, it was just "dog", but Harry was very fond of that dog and he named him "Schley", for it was at that time that Admiral Schley was so popular after the battle of Santiago and he wanted to give his dog a famous name. While Schley was growing up he trained him to pull light weights and when he got big he got a little wagon big enough for himself to sit in and remodeled it to suit his own notions and put shafts on it and then he came across a little goat harness which he made to fit his dog and then hitched him to the wagon. At first he just let him pull the wagon and gradually trained him to pull it with him in it. Schley seemed mighty happy just to pull Harry around wherever he wanted to go.

Sometimes he would drive him from his grandmother's home to our home at Eldersburg (Harry of course walking up the hills) and when they would arrive, old Schley would look so happy and try to wag his tail off, while showing all his teeth as if he were trying to laugh and tell us how proud he was, I don't know which was prouder, Harry or Schley. Harry has pictures of himself and the outfit all taken together, which I don't think he would part with.

Harry had a very good friend in the butchering business who for years had served his grandmother with fresh meats, so after she died and he and Auntie moved to Westminster to make their home with us, he gave his most prized possession (his dog "Schley") to Mr. Shauck, the butcher, as he knew he would have a good home, and as we had no suitable place to keep a large dog like that. The dear old fellow was afterward bitten by a mad dog and had to be killed. So that tells some part of the story of Harry and his dog, needless to say that they were inseparable.

The foregoing part of this story was written long before the following.

When the above was written, I had no thought of ever making a trip to California, but in the summer of 1935, the opportunity presented itself, and I spent two happy months with son Harry and his dear wife in San Francisco (Whom I had never met before, but certainly was not disappointed when I did meet her). We all are very much in love with her. They certainly showed

me the grandest time any one could wish. We spent a most enjoyable week at Yosemite.

During the two months they included trips to Sacramento, Big Basin Mariposa Grove, San Joaquin Valley, Presidio, Marino, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Jose, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and a lot of other counties and places, and saw the two new bridges (then in course of construction) lots of times. The sunsets at Golden Gate, most magnificent sight. I have written a book about my trip, so can't say much here, only that it was all too short.

Emma May Little was born at Freedom, October 11th, 1890, removed with her parents to Eldersburg and then to Westminster when she was less than twelve years old. Attended the Westminster High School. Afterward learned linotyping at "The Times" office. Was married at Ellicott City by the Rev. S. H. Engle, October 9th, 1915, to Leroy Elbert Butts, son of William and Mary (Llewellyn) Butts of Baltimore, formerly of Virginia.

He attended the Baltimore City schools, also McDonogh and Depauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. A little later he entered the employ of the Western Maryland R. R. as a special agent in transportation of cars and is still with the company. They have one son, Leroy Elbert II, born July 3rd, 1916. Graduated from Westminster High School in 1931 and afterward attended an electrical school in Chicago and is now taking an electrical course in the Navy. They have their home at 71 W. Green Street.

Since writing the above, a great sadness has come into my daughter May's home. November 14th, 1935, her husband, Leroy Elbert Butts, was suddenly stricken with a fatal heart attack, at about 11 P. M. and immediately passed away. His death came with such stunning suddenness to his family, that it was an awful shock and it leaves the wife so alone, especially as the son is in the Navy.

He is buried in Westminster Cemetery, in the lot right next to ours. He had been in the employ of the Western Maryland Railroad Company for twenty-six years. The Rev. O. G. Robinson officiated at his funeral. He had long been a member of Ben Franklin Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Baltimore, members of which order held burial services at his grave. He was also a member of an I. O. O. F. lodge of Baltimore. The flowers which covered his grave were very beautiful. His wife still occupies the home.

George Arthur Little was born at Eldersburg, Carroll County, September 6th, 1893. Later removed with his parents to Westminster, graduated from the Westminster High School, Commercial Department, June, 1911.

Right after graduating he took a position with the Roland Park Construction Company, Baltimore, Md., until the World War came on, when he volunteered for service. Went to Washington for examination and was accepted by the Quartermaster's Corp, with the rating of Sergeant, non-commissioned Afterward receiving a commission as Sergeant and later on as 2nd Lieutenant and had been recommended for a Lieutenancy, just before the Armistice. He served two years and was honorably discharged, May, 1919. He then secured a position with the Baltimore Sun Publishing Co. A little later on he became private and confidential secretary to the president of the company, Mr. Paul M. Patterson.

After about ten years of service there he had the offer of a position in New York City with the American Arbitration Association, which he decided to accept, as it seemed quite a promotion. He is now Publicity Director with the Association. He has never married. He and a very close friend Miles H. McCormick, rector of a parish at Tuxedo Park, N. Y., have lived together for a number of years, and now Mr. McCormick has purchased a little home at 31 Morton Street, New York City, in what is called Greenwich Village, where they now live.

Margaret Elizabeth, born at Eldersburg, Carroll County, October 1st, 1901. Removed when just six months old with her parents to Westminster. Graduated from Westminster High School, Commercial Department, June, 1919, was employed in the County Commissioners' office, at Court House in Westminster, at time of marriage. Which marriage to George Leroy Smeak, son of George M. and Laura (Boose) Smeak, of near Westminster, took place, November 23rd, 1922, at Ellerslie M. E. parsonage, near Baltimore City, by

Rev. Edwin T. Mowbray, a former Westminster pastor and a favorite with Margaret.

Her husband later bought his father's home and business at Mt. Pleasant, four miles from Westminster on the Littlestown road where they still live and where he continues to conduct the business of canning and butchering. They have no children.

I fear the name of Little bids fair to run out in the immediate branch of the John Little family. Samuel C. Little's son William, ran away from home, when a young man, never communicating with his family. Warren's son George, left one son, James Albert, who died long before middle life, leaving no children, and Samuel left two sons, one of whom, George, has never married, and the other Harry Edgar at present has no children. We have one grandchild, but he is a daughter's son.

Peter Little also left two sons, another son having died when a small child. Warren and wife have no children, and William P. has never married.

I would like to add something here about the old church commonly called Freedom M. E. Church, but its name is really Wesley Chapel where as I have said before several generations of the Littles are buried. This is a stone church built in 1822. The inside lines are very pretty from an architectural standpoint. It is still used as a house of worship and is in a very good state of preservation. It has a front entrance and a side entrance. In olden days the men and women had different entrances, and the men sat on one side of the church and the women on the other. The front entrance has double doors and is now used altogether.

In 1922 they celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. It was a big day and was held in connection with the giving of the George W. Albaugh farm, to the Methodist Church, as a home for boys, to be known as the "Strawbridge Home for Boys". The opening of the Home took place two years later, in 1924, in the remodeled farm house with, I think, about twelve or fourteen boys.

The history of the church from its beginning was reviewed and given by Guy Wakeman Steele, a prominent lawyer of the Westminster Bar, who as a lad had attended Sunday school there and whose ancestors for several generations had lived on adjoining lands and some are buried there.

He made quite a study of it and had gained a great deal of very interesting information. The members that formed the real bulwark of the church in its beginning, came mostly from Old Trinity Episcopal Church at Eldersburg, which church now is in ruins and was built considerably more than 150 years ago. But after the church had been founded and used as a house of worship, there was quite a period of time that they had no minister or Rector and held no services, so that when the committee started preparations for building Wesley Chapel a number of their members came over and joined in with the building of the new church and the majority of them never went back.

Reminiscences were given by Dr. Charles W. Baldwin, a former pastor, who had served the charge years before, when Sykesville and several other churches combined went to make up Patapsco Circuit, but he certainly had a good memory of the people who worshipped there. At that time (1922) he was eighty-two years of age. Now, 1935, he has reached his ninety-fifth year. He is still greatly interested in Strawbridge Home and rarely misses annual "Methodist Day" and takes some part in the services.

My husband was living at that time and with our daughters and their husbands, my three brothers and families and also Sister Vannie from Illinois, were all there and had a grand time. The reason I am including the above incidents in connection with the church in this story, is because it was a spot very dear to my husband, and I too, had learned to love it very dearly. It was where he had gone to church and Sunday School all his life and his parents and grandparents before him, as well as our own children who had always attended there with us when they were small.

My husband, Samuel Little long outlived all other members of his immediate family but died very suddenly on a Sunday evening, of a severe heart

attack, angina pectoris, leaving his widow and two sons and two daughters, whom I have already mentioned. He lies buried in Westminster Cemetery. (Mrs. Butts' lot and ours are side by side.) Rev. Edward Hayes, D. D., was the officiating minister and the Masonic Fraternity of which he had been a member for more than forty years, held burial services at his grave. He passed away September 11th, 1927, and was buried on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th. His flowers were very lovely.

LEE

I will now try to write something of Susanna (Lee) Little's ancestors, tho' I am sorry I cannot go farther back in the Lee family than her father, who was born in January 1783. That was about the time the War of the Colonies ended, thro' which this country won her independence from Great Britain. He died March 24th, 1871, aged 88 years, 2 months.

I do not know if they are related to the Lees of Virginia or not, as they were people that did not talk much about relationship and as I have said before I did not become interested in the genealogy of the family in time to have gained a great deal of informative knowledge, besides this family of Lees were such rank Abolitionists that I doubt if they would have claimed to be any relation with those "Dom (Damn) Secessioners", at that time, if they really were.

Joshua Lee, mentioned above, one of the "Old Defenders" of Fort McHenry, and the grandfather of my husband, was of English ancestry, and settled in Freedom District, in what was then Baltimore County. As a young farmer, he fell in love with Susanna Stansbury, a Baltimore girl, and later married his city sweet-heart, and settled on a farm along the Liberty plank road, about a mile or so west of Freedom. I believe Harvey Houck is the present owner of one of the farms.

There his large family of ten children were born and reared and I believe that later in life he raised a couple of children besides his own. He also owned some slaves before the Civil War. One of them was named George Squirrel and they spoke of him as "Big George" he was such a big fellow. In later years I often saw him around Eldersburg. He was a good "old darkie." But when the War came on Joshua became a staunch Abolitionist.

Joshua Lee, was born January, 1783, married to Susanna Stansbury as nearly as I can reckon in 1805 or early 1806, and died March 24th, 1871. And Susanna his wife was born January 22nd, 1786, and died November 21st, 1869, aged 83 years, 10 months, 29 days.

Their children were: Keziah, Mary, Levi, Patience, Temperance, Susanna, Joshua, Abijah, Elizabeth and Almira. None of them you will notice, had double names and they were for the most part very old-fashioned and quite a few of them Bible names.

Keziah, the eldest, was born February 6th, 1807. She never married, and died at the home of her nephew, J. Thos. Perrine, with whom she was living, in January 1887, aged about 80 years.

Mary, born July 5th, 1809, married John Young, removed to Ohio, where both died leaving a family of grown children.

Levi, born September 25th, 1812, married and afterward they also removed to Ohio and raised a family.

Patience, born November 14th, 1814. Married Washington Nicodemus, as his second wife. They had two daughters. Susanna and Margaret. Each married and had families.

Temperance, born January 12th, 1816. I think her husband's name was Heltibridle, but he did not live long. She afterward made her home with an old uncle named Jesse Lee.

Susanna, born March 9th, 1818. Married to Warren Lewis Little, June 7th, 1855, by Rev. John Bowen, of Westminster District, as mentioned in the Biography of the Littles. They had two sons, George A. and Samuel L. and one little daughter Laura Eugenia as before mentioned. Susanna died July 7th, 1903, aged 85 years, 3 months and 26 days. She was buried July 9th, the birthday of her grandson, Harry. He had been making his home with his grandmother and "Auntie" (Almira) for several years, more for company for them, than anything else.

Joshua, born December 25th, 1822. Married to Mary Nicodemus, daughter of the above mentioned Washington Nicodemus, by his first wife. Thus: father and daughter married sister and brother respectively.

Joshua II and his wife, occupied the Lucy farm, which his father had inherited from the old English gentleman, by that name, whom he had given a home and taken care of during his lonely old age. This farm continued to be the home of Joshua and Mary during the lifetime of each, Mary having outlived her husband by several years and where they raised their large family of children, namely: Elizabeth, John, Philip, Levi, Louis, Robert, Wesley, Ella, Newton and Fannie, nearly all deceased.

Elizabeth, still living, married to F. O. Shipley of Westminster. Their children are: Florence, Alberta and Walter, all of Westminster or nearby.

Philip married to Venia ———. Resided in the vicinity of Sykesville and raised a family, but is now deceased.

Levi, married to Annie Haines. Raised a family of sons and daughters. Am not sure if he is living or not.

John, who was the eldest, went to Ohio, married and raised a family.

Louis died when a young man.

Wesley married Emma Conoway, had one son, Louis. All are now deceased.

Robert married, had no children. Now deceased.

Ella married to Noah Stocksdale, as his second wife, had no children, but step-children. Both are deceased. Newton married to Barbara Barnett. Had a son and a daughter. Fannie married ———, now deceased.

Abijah, born June 7th, 1824. Married ——— Perine, by whom she had one son, J. Thomas Perine. After his death she married George Place. Had no children. J. Thomas Perine, married Susan Fisher and they had five children: Elizabeth, Almira, Charlotte and son Samuel Walter. I have forgotten the name of the other daughter. Only Walter and Charlotte remain. Walter, married Miss Margaret Oursler, a teacher in the schools of Howard County. They have no children and their home is at Roslyn, Baltimore County, and his sister Lottie who never married, has always made her home with them.

Elizabeth, was born August 13th, 1827. Was married to Samuel Barnett. Their home was near Eldersburg. She died rather young, leaving two sons, William H. and John T. and two daughteres, Elizabeth and Almira. When the two daughters grew up they went to Delaware and married and I suppose still reside there.

William, married Miss Emma ———. They had one son, Ralph, who graduated in Law and was married to Dorothy Fischel, a teacher in the Westminster High School. William and wife both died at Springfield Hospital estate, where he was superintendent of greenhouses and gardens.

John T. married Miss Elizabeth Schwartz of Eldersburg, and they have two daughters. He was for years employed at Springfield Hospital. The elder daughter Miriam, is married to Dennis K. Lyons of Baltimore, and they have two daughters and one son: Betty, Gerald and Jean. Viola Louise, is married to Dr. Charles Reifschneider, specialist and surgeon of Baltimore City. And they have one little daughter, Dorothy Jane. Elizabeth, the wife and mother, died in the fall of 1933. He was born in April, 1858.

Almira, born August 10th, 1829, never married, and died January 10th, 1910, aged a little more than eighty years. Thus: the oldest and the youngest daughters never married.

The father, Joshua Lee, Sr., in his will made provision for the eldest daughter Keziah who was to have possession of the farm during her lifetime, and then it was to be equally divided among the heirs but didn't mention anything special about Almira or "Auntie" as the children always called her. She being of an independent spirit, didn't think much of that, so that when her sister Susan (Mrs. Little), then a widow with her two sons, invited her to come make her home with them, it did not take her long to decide to do so. They were very glad to have her company and she soon saw that it was all for the best. She had nursed both her father and mother thro' their last illnesses. The mother died in 1869 and the father in 1871. She continued to live at Freedom with her sister until her death in 1903, when she and son

Harry came to Westminster to live with us, Harry having lived mostly with his grandmother and Auntie for company, from the time he was about ten years old, until the time of her death. We had removed from Freedom District to Westminster, a year or more before that. Auntie remained with us until the time of her death in January 1910. Another sister's (Abijah) married son and family, J. T. Perine, and Keziah continued to live together during her remaining years.

After the death of Keziah in 1887, my husband settled up his grandfather's real estate. That was after our marriage which had taken place the year before.

A funny thing in Auntie's life and rather amusing among her friends, by whom she was familiarly called "Miss Al" was that she had a beau for forty or more years but she would never marry. His name was Lewis Ohler, a splendid cabinet maker and also an undertaker, being the only one in Freedom District, I believe at that time, unless there was probably one at Winfield.

Uncle Lewis as we familiarly called him, was taken suddenly ill in Sykesville, and being a member of the Masonic Fraternity, they brought him right to grandmother Little's, procured a nurse and looked after all his needs for the three or four days that he lived. He had always lived alone in his bachelor home at Freedom, but he had never been sick before and I suppose that they tho't bachelor quarters were no place for a sick man. When his will was read he had left his property to his old sweetheart and they are buried in Freedom M. E. Church, South, cemetery. He died in September, 1897.

The name of the old English gentleman who lived on the adjoining farm to grandfather Lee and which afterward came into his possession, was Thomas A. Lucy. Born 1762, died July 16th, 1853 in the ninety-second year of his age. He with his wife and foster son had come over from England to America and settled as next neighbor to Joshua Lee, Sr. His wife died later on and the foster son was a spendthrift and in his benefactor's aging years, he deceived him so much and took every advantage of him, so that, to protect himself the old gentleman got Neighbor Lee to take him into his home and take care of him for his remaining days and let the young man shift for himself. In consideration of which he gave him his farm and everything that he had, including jewelry and a large chest of silver plate, including a full tea service, large coffee urn, candlesticks and a great lot of other silver, used in those days and which at grandfather Lee's death was divided among his large family of children.

A curiously made gold Swiss watch which had been his wife's was given to Almira (Auntie) together with silver candlesticks, tray and snuffers and a number of other pieces. Auntie gave the watch to daughter May. She also received a beautiful old castor in her lot (8 low, cut class bottles and mustard jar). Daughter Margaret has the castor. She also got a handsome, inlaid old tea caddy lined inside with some kind of non-porous silvery stuff in which he kept his tea, typical old English gentleman that he was. It was made with lock and key and that was one of his precious possessions. For with the duty on tea and the difficulty of getting his brand, he guarded it very closely indeed.

Grandmother Little received among her gifts a large Sheffield coffee urn, with faucet, and alcohol lamp and when she died and her estate was settled up, there being no will it had to be put up at sale and unfortunately and unintentionally it was let go out of the family. We have tried to buy it back but so far the owners have not decided to part with it.

Mr. Lucy is buried in Freedom M. E. Churchyard, near Eldersburg.

I will add here a few more particulars of the immediate Warren and Susan Little family before writing of her mother's people. Their three children, George, Samuel (Sam.) and Laura Eugenia were quite small at the time of their father's death; aged about seven, five and three years respectively. They continued to live in the Little home at Freedom, which the father in his will left to his wife (Susan) during her lifetime. At her death the home was to go to the son George, who died years before his mother. He having also received a certain amount of cash on reaching his majority. So at Grandmother Little's death the home went to George's widow and son and daughter.

Samuel, on becoming of age had received several thousand dollars as his share of his father's estate. His legacy being all in cash. I have heard Grandmother Little say that her husband (Warren) had a fancy for collecting hard money, especially gold coins and that after his death, his executor (who was his brother Samuel C. Little) carried a large satchel filled with gold coins, representing several thousand dollars, from the home to the bank. There were double and single eagles, half eagles and the smaller denominations.

Grandmother Little must have liked gold coins pretty well too for at the time of her death, she still had some of all denominations in her chest, which evidently were some she had remaining from the time of her husband's death in 1863 and she lived until 1903, forty years later. She also had a shot bag full of old silver coins which her husband had collected, both foreign and domestic, which she gave to our son Harry, when he was about twelve or fourteen.

The uncle (Samuel) had also been appointed guardian of his brother Warren's three children. After some years the mother (Susan) became dissatisfied with his administration. She did not think he was treating them just and fair and went before the Orphans' Court and had him removed and took the estate into her own hands. This caused a breach in that branch of the Little family which, I believe, was never healed.

The two boys took up contracting for house-painting and paperhanging and had a good business, worked a number of men, but unfortunately for George, he had such a hankering for railroading that against the wishes of his family, it seemed that he couldn't resist the "urge" and finally met his death in an accident when he was just a little more than twenty-seven years of age, leaving his wife, who was a handsome woman and two dear little children. James Albert mentioned heretofore, who died after reaching manhood and little daughter Clara Annette, who is now with her husband Captain Louis Bennett, in U. S. Naval Service, at present stationed in Washington.

After his brother's death Samuel still carried on the business which at that time they drew from quite a large territory in Carroll and Howard Counties. In 1890 he was appointed by President Benjamin Harrison to a position in the Custom House in Baltimore City, and served until 1894. William A. Marine was then Collector of Customs.

In the meantime the business in which Samuel had been engaged became very much cut up and became less profitable to him as the years went by, so finally in 1902 we decided to sell our home in Eldersburg where we first went to house-keeping, after living in the home with Grandmother Little and Auntie at Freedom for more than six years, and moved to Westminster. Our two elder children, Harry and May were both born there and George and Margaret were born in our home in Eldersburg, a mile farther down the Liberty road where we had been living nine years when we removed to Westminster.

We tho't we would have more advantages here for educating our children and we never regretted the move, tho' it was hard for Sam to leave all the old home ties and environment where he had been born and reared, and had spent his whole life up until that time and also several generations of his family before him. But to me it was like coming back home, altho' I had become very much attached to the community, its people, church, etc. And then, I had taught school in the nearby town of Sykesville, that is where I met my husband, so that I came to look upon Freedom District as a real "garden spot" of the county, became very fond of its people and felt as if I had always belonged there.

In 1926, we built a home on West Green Street, a new development, but Samuel lived less than a year after we moved into it. We moved into it November 1st, 1926 and he passed away September 11th, 1927, and is buried in Westminster Cemetery. We were sort of divided between two opinions as to whether to take him back to Freedom or bury him here, but we decided that as this was now our settled home we would like to have him here where we could often visit his grave.

Shortly after my husband's death, the Board of Managers of Cassell Home for the Aged, asked me to take charge of the management of the Home.

I at first hesitated for fear it would prove a very difficult job and really felt incapable of attempting such a task, but after some weeks, I finally

decided to make a trial of it and to my surprise found it very much to my liking. The duties were not too heavy, the guests were mostly congenial and the Trustees and Manager I found very pleasant to work under. I have learned to love this "Old Home", probably because I knew the dear old Cassell Sisters who were instrumental in giving it to the Methodist Church as a Home for aged folks.

As a child I remember hearing my father speak of David Cassell, father of these Cassell Ladies, whom he always affectionately called "Uncle Davy" and said that as a boy he worked for him on his farm near Wakefield. At that time, while I felt interested to hear about it, I tho't of it as something afar off, never dreaming that I would ever know or hear any more about them, and it seems a strange fate that I should now be living in what was once the David Cassell Home too, he having retired and removed here with his family about 1860. He had ten daughters, five were married and five were single, the latter of whom moved here with the parents. It is said of him that he used to laughingly remark that of his ten virgins, he could not tell which were the five wise or which were the five foolish, the married or the single ones.

STANSBURY

I will now try to write something of what I have learned of Susanna (Lee) Little's mother's people. Ezekiel Stansbury (her grandfather), born in Baltimore Town in 1740, married to Keziah Wood, of the same town and died in 1790. They are the earliest of her ancestors of whom we have any record. Baltimore was laid out in 1729 and you might say that they sort of grew up with the City. The history of their time would make interesting reading. You might say they were contemporaries of George Washington's time and as I have just said, grew up with Baltimore City.

This earliest settlement of the city, years later came to be called Old Town, and this is where Ezekiel and Keziah lived and reared their family of children and also where they died. They were related to the Howard family and Gen. John Eager Howard, was one of the Trustee's of Ezekiel's estate, at his death in 1790 and was also one of Keziah's bondsmen, she being made guardian for her children. Probably no single individual has left so strong an impress upon Baltimore as has John Eager Howard, General in the Continental Army and Aide to Gen'l. Washington, and foremost citizen afterward.

To the Howards belonged, among other properties a great tract of land which was known as "Salisbury Plain" and which extended from the present vicinity of Madison Street, northward to Mt. Royal, touching Charles Street on the west and overlapping York road. Howard's Hill, for years was the name of the vicinity about the Washington Mounment, which as everybody knows was placed there because of the fears of timid souls who expected the tall, slender column to come crashing down any moment and preferred not to have it too near the town.

General Howard's mansion, which stood on the site of the Belvedere Hotel, was known as Belvedere, and the adjoining settlement adopted the name, which persists to this day in the 1000 block of North Calvert Street.

Ezekiel and Keziah (Wood) Stansbury had eight children of whom I have only a partial record. She was of the Wood family that was supposed to have a large fortune in England, some of the heirs at one time were making quite an effort to get it. They came up to see grandmother and auntie (Almira) about it, but they had no record and in their later life could not remember anything at all about their great-grandparents, they happened to be the last living members of their father's large family.

The children of Ezekiel and Keziah (Wood) Stansbury are as follows: Elizabeth, born March 15th, 1772, married to George Dutrow of Baltimore, died in 1862 aged 90 years.

Mary, married to a Mr. Elder, one of whose family founded Eldersburg.

Thomas, born April 5th, 1778, married Elizabeth Skelton, died 1867 aged 89 years.

Daniel, born 1780, married Elizabeth Hunt, died 1828 aged about 48 years.

Charity, born October 28th, 1782, married to a Mr. Jones of Baltimore.

William, born 1784, married Ann Maria Stutely.

Susanna, born January 22nd, 1786, married Col. Joshua Lee, one of the "Old Defenders" of Fort McHenry. Removed with her husband to a farm in Freedom District, where their ten children were born and where they spent their long lives. She died November 21st, 1869, aged 83 years, 9 months and 29 days. Her husband lived about two years after she died.

Patience, born March 24th, 1789. Have no other record of her.

Susanna handed down four of the sisters' names to her own children: viz: Elizabeth, Mary, Susanna and Patience.

Susanna's brother William was married to Ann Maria Stutely. They had four children: Abijah, Joshua, Hezekiah and William Thomas. Of these, I can only follow William T. He was born January 6th, 1817, married ———. Had two daughters and one son, by this marriage. His wife died comparatively young. The children were Mary, Isabelle (Belle) and William (Billy).

William T. Stansbury, father of the above mentioned children, was first cousin to Grandmother Little. He early learned the compositor's trade in the office of the "Baltimore Sun" when Arunah S. Abel was sole owner and publisher. He worked on "The Sun" practically all his life, his work ceasing only a short time before his death. He set the finest type used on the paper, markets, etc., and never used eye-glasses. When he had been with the firm 50 years, half a century, Mr. Abel made quite a celebration of it and presented him with a very handsome gold watch and chain suitably engraved and inscribed, of which he was very proud. I remember reading very interesting accounts of the occasion, in the papers at the time. There were no linotypes in those days. The papers were all made by hand. That branch of the Stansbury family seemed to take largely to printing. Father, son-in-law, grandson and great-grandson, up to now. William Thomas died in Baltimore, February 16th, 1894, aged 77 years, 1 month and 10 days.

The son William (Billy) married and settled in Baltimore, and I think he took up the work of a machinist with the Wallace Stebbins, Sons Co. of Baltimore. There was one son, probably other children. Mary Stansbury, the elder daughter, married Michael Donovan, whom as I have said was long a compositor for the A. S. Abell Sun Publishing Co., all his life, I believe.

His wife Mary died comparatively young and left a family of several children: Edward Lee, Mamie (Mary) Virginia, Stewart, Lillian and there may have been one or two others. They all grew up and married, continuing to live in Baltimore, excepting one son who was hurt in an accident and died quite young. The Donovan men seemed to be a family of printers also.

Edward Lee, like his father, was long employed by The Sun Publishing Co. as a linotype operator, when they later came in use. He afterward set up a printing business of his own. Edward's eldest son Robert also learned the linotype method of printing, and may still be employed by "The Sun Co." Edward's wife was Maggie Collins of Havre de Grace, and their family consisted of four children: Robert already mentioned, Mary, William and Harry. From the time that Edward (cousin Ed) was a little boy until after his marriage, he used to spend his summers at Grandmother Little's, at Freedom, until he came to be almost like one of the family.

The second daughter, Isabel Stansbury married Harry O. Stebbins, son of Wallace Stebbins, owner of the foundry, boiler and machine works, of that name, of Baltimore City. She died some ten years or more ago, leaving her husband and six grown children, four boys and two girls, Sarah, Harry O., Jr., Harriet, William, Charles and Arthur. Sarah and Harry are still single as far as I know, but I believe the rest have all married.

The boys all served in the World War "Over There" unless it was William, he may not have gone across. Charles happened to be in England when the War broke out (on a pleasure tour), and he enlisted in the British Army as a bombardier. He was later sent back to the States to aid in recruiting Englishmen, who were living here but were still English citizens. I remember he took dinner with us one day while in Westminster. The beautiful uniform he had on attracted quite a bit of notice.

Many of Ezkiel and Keziah's descendants remained residents of Baltimore, and are still living there.

ALBERT

Of the Albert family, I really haven't any record beyond my grandfather, Thomas Albert, whose parents came from England in 17.... and settled in Baltimore County. Thomas was born at Carroll's Manor, near Baltimore, August 12th, 1803, was married to Rachel Pierce Franklin and died in Urbana, Ill., May 12th, 1886, aged 82 years, 9 months. He had removed to this state (Illinois) about 1871. He never again visited Maryland, but father went West to visit them. Grandmother made several trips back East to visit the families of their son and daughter who had remained in Maryland and her brother and sisters. Grandmother lived quite a long time after father passed away. None of grandfather's people live in this part of the state and we were so small when he went West to live, that we really do not know anything of them.

I remember my grandfather tho', very distinctly for I was fond of him and he of me. I also remember that he was very fond of music and used to play the accordion (an instrument that you do not often see any more) and sing to his own accompaniment and how we children would gather round him. I have a leather-bound book called the "Hand of God in History" which he gave me before he went West. It has on the fly-leaf, the date, April 1871.

Thomas and Rachel Pierce (Franklin) Albert's children, were: Belinda, Rezin, Franklin, Elizabeth Ann, Samuel, Nathan, Fannie, Jesse, Thomas Gorsuch, and Minerva. You will find more of their family records under the Franklin branch of the family.

Father's living brothers and sisters, with the exception of one sister all got the Western fever after the Civil War and went to the State of Illinois and settled at Urbana the County Seat of Champaign County. It is also the seat of the University of Illinois. They have all long since passed away but the most of their descendants still live in Urbana or Champaign which connect by trolley and unless you are well acquainted with the area, you can't tell when you leave one city and enter the other. There is a large cemetery at Urbana in which those of the family who have passed on, lie buried. I visited the graves of my grandparents, and aunts and uncles in 1931 on the occasion of a seven-weeks' trip thro' the West.

Two of father's brothers were buried at historic Stone Chapel on the New Windsor circuit, near which father lived and where he attended church all his lifetime and which his parents also attended before removing to the West. Samuel and Thomas were the names of the two brothers buried there in the family lot. Samuel died November 17th, 1861, leaving a widow and one daughter, Virginia. I think the widow married again, and I do not know what became of Virginia. He was aged 27 years and 7 months.

Thomas was a private in Company C, 6th Maryland Regiment, Infantry of Volunteers, U. S. Army. Col. Wm. A. McKellip of Westminster was Colonel of his regiment. Died in the service of his government September 12th, 1863, aged 24 years, 4 months. They both died before I was born.

I had a most enjoyable visit of a month or more in the State of Illinois, in the summer of 1931, with sister Vannie in Rock Island, her daughter and family in Moline and the relatives in Urbana and Champaign. They are the descendants of fathers brothers and sisters, my cousins. I saw a large portion of the state in a bus trip which I took while there, which took me nearly across the state, from a N. W. to a S. E. direction. Besides I saw quite a good bit of the state from the trains of the two different roads on which I traveled, the Great North Western and the Rock Island; and I was impressed with Illinois as being a wonderful state. We took the former route on the way to Denver, and the Denver and Rio Grande Western, then to Colorado Springs and the Rock Island East to Chicago, for I spent the first three weeks of this same trip with Sister Jessie and family (Mrs. Royer Bish) at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Illinois was comparatively a young state when father's people decided to go West to try their fortunes and they sort of grew up with the state. Their descendants had the advantage of the splendid University of Illinois (U. of I.). It is also the State Experimental Station, contains 1700 or more acres, has a wonderful stadium that seats 75,000 people. They told me there, that it was the third largest university in the country, Chicago and Columbia,

N. Y., being larger. That is where "Red Grange" won football fame. I think California University at Berkeley is also larger. I was thrilled with being shown the wonderful buildings and grounds. We had to cover the ground, of course, by automobile. The grounds are so extensive. The residence section for the faculty members and other officials was very beautiful, and altogether, certainly represented millions of capital.

On this same trip, I first visited Sister Jessie (Mrs. Royer Bish) and family, at Rocky Ford, Colorado, for about three weeks, which were certainly very pleasant weeks. My sister and her husband and daughter Ruth met me at Colorado Springs, which is in the heart of some of the most wonderful scenery in the country, and just about one hundred miles from their home, which distance we traveled by automobile. It was the occasion of the annual meeting of the Brethren Church, of which they are members. The sessions lasting about a week and during my visit to them we returned to the Springs on several occasions and we spent two days there, just before my returning East.

The Colorado scenery is most wonderful and in those two days of sightseeing, we drove miles and miles. I was just thrilled and awed by the vastness and greatness of it all. The Rocky Mountain scenery is so majestic. Canon City and surrounding area has wonderful scenery, including Royal Gorge, the great suspension bridge over it, said to be the highest in the world. We also visited the Garden of the Gods, which is beyond description. Wonderful and beautiful falls near there.

Pikes Peak, where we saw a snow storm raging atop of it, while it was very warm where we were, on the streets below. I am hoping I will be fortunate enough to have another visit with them, and to see more of their wonderful state, which I did in 1935. The mountain scenery from the Denver and Rio Grand Western is most beautiful. On my return trip I entrained at Colorado Springs, traveled over the Rock Island road thro' Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, almost directly east to Rock Island, to visit Sister Vannie, and her daughter and husband at Moline. Had lots of lovely drives there and the most beautiful drives for miles along the Mississippi River. But I have written a more detailed and complete story of my Western trip in a separate book, but somehow I couldn't help mentioning something of it in this story.

I would like to write here a little of the history of this present "Cassell Home" of which I happen to be Matron. The original house, all of the front part of which is included in this present home and which they say was built considerably more than a hundred years ago, was built by a gentleman by name, Isaac Shriver. It was at one time used as a tavern, as they called them in those days, most likely at that time all travel was practically by stage-coach. Isaac Shriver's daughter (Eliza, I think) married Alfred Troxell, whose daughter Ella, married George W. Albaugh; the donors of Strawbridge Home for Boys, and Alfred Troxell's sister Margaret, who married Jehu Royer of Meadow Branch, was the grandmother of my brother-in-law, W. Royer Bish, sister Jessie's husband, whom I have just been writing about.

Royer's mother and father finally came into possession of the Troxell home, she having married Ezra M. Bish. Her name before marriage was Ruth Royer. After their death the home came into possession of her granddaughter Ruth Gist Pickens and her husband who still own it. Of course this isn't connected with our family history but it concerns my sister and her family.

The "Cassell Home" was given by two maiden sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Lydia Cassell, to the Baltimore Methodist Conference as a home for aged people. So it was opened as a home for same in December, 1926. It is very pleasantly situated in one of the most desirable locations in the city. The front of the building is a part of the original home and the balance was an addition to it. There are at present fifteen guests, as follows: Mrs. Annie K. Yingling, Mrs. Sarah E. Lloyd, Mrs. Rebecca Bernstein, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Nusbaum, Mrs. Esther E. Hobbs, Mrs. Edith Russell, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Miss Margaret Bathgate, Miss Margaret Baile, Miss Bessie Luman, Miss Margaret King, Miss Isabel Diser, Miss Annie McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shreeve.

There have been three deaths among the guests of the Home since it was opened; 1926 to 1936. Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeier, Miss Cinnie Pearce and Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum. There are living in the home, besides the guests, the Matron, which happens to be myself, Assistant, Ada Criswell and the nurse, Virginia Spencer. I have been here nine years, each of the others have been here five years.

I have been connected with this Cassell Home so long that I feel almost as if I belonged here, and then, too, I am near my two daughters and their husbands and get a great deal of pleasure from companionship with them, but must be content with letters from my sons, except for occasional visits from son George who is now in New York City.

We want so much to see Harry and his wife. They were married in California and have been living there for a number of years. I have since visited them. Daughter May's son Leroy, Jr., is the only grandchild in the Samuel L. Little branch of the family. After graduating from Westminster High School, while yet 15 years of age, he attended an electrical school in Chicago. After getting his certificate from there, the question of age was still the problem, it being illegal to employ any one under 18 years of age on electric works. He finally decided to try to get into the Navy which he did. After taking the tests required of him, he found that he had made the rating necessary to put him in the electrical school for further training and that is what he wanted. He is in the school now and likes it very well.

FRANKLIN

Chronicles of the early Franklin family and descendants.

Thomas Franklin was born in 1598 at Ecton, Northamptonshire, England.

Josiah, son of Thomas, was born in 1655 at Ecton, Northamptonshire, England, also.

James and Samuel, sons of Josiah, were born in Boston, Mass., then one of the British colonies. They each had a son Thomas and one of them migrated down into Maryland, another of the Colonies. We haven't been able to ascertain for a certainty which one, but that is immaterial, as it was one of Josiah's grandsons, and we are inclined to think it was James' son. Any way, Thomas, a grandson of Josiah, settled at what is now Franklinville from whose family the village and Franklin District in which it is located, took its name. Scharf's History of Western Maryland, says they settled there about 1745. Thomas is also buried there.

Charles, son of Thomas and keeper of an Inn was the grandfather of our grandmother, Rachel Pierce Franklin and her brothers and sisters, or in other words my great-great-grandfather. Rezin, son of Charles was also born at Franklinville and was successor of his father to the Hotel or Inn, which in those days, were very necessary on the main thoroughfares, both for man and beast. This one must have been pretty good as it stayed in the Franklin family for several generations.

Josiah Franklin was the pioneer of our branch of the Franklin family in America and he was also the father of the famous Dr. Benjamin (as well as 16 other children), Inventor, Philosopher, Diplomat and Statesman. The title of Doctor was given to him because of his wisdom, sagacity and learning. He spoke several different languages. Josiah came to America because of a desire to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, or in other words, on account of religious convictions. He and his brother Benjamin were Dissenters from the Church of England.

Benjamin, the American statesman and Signer of the Declaration of Independence was the youngest of Josiah's ten sons. There were seven sisters, two of them younger than Benjamin. When signing the Declaration he remarked to those around him, "Gentlemen, we must all hang together, or else we shall hang singly." He was great-great-uncle to my father's grandfather, Rezin Franklin, for whom my father was named.

Benjamin says in his biography that the Franklin family lived in the village of Ecton, Northamptonshire, England, on their own estate for at least three hundred years. How much longer he could not ascertain, for lack

of records before that time. The property was always passed on from the eldest son to the eldest son, but he says that in addition and to boost the family income, the eldest son was always bred, a smith. That is the way they expressed an apprenticeship in those days. What kind he does not say, but which business was always passed on to the eldest son, with the same regularity that the estate was. This was a custom which had always been carried out, back to his father's and his grandfather's time and a custom which his uncles and his father had also followed in regard to their own sons. They were very careful to have the other sons bred to some remunerative trade also. They were regularly apprenticed under strict contract. Benjamin was the youngest son of the youngest son for five generations back. When he went to England later in life and searched the records at Ecton, their old home, he found an account of their family marriages and burials from the year 1555 only, as there were no registrations before that time.

Thomas Franklin, father of Josiah and great-grandfather of Thomas, the head of the Franklin family in Maryland, was born at Ecton in 1598. Lived there until he was too old to continue his business when he retired in favor of his eldest son Thomas II, and he removed to the home of his second son John, at Banbury, in Oxfordshire. For the eldest son to be given the christian name of the father was another English custom, also. John, the second son had been bred a wool-dyer. The names of the elder Thomas' four sons were: Thomas II, John, Benjamin and Josiah. Benjamin, for whom Josiah's son Benjamin was named, was bred a silk-dyer. He was also godfather to the younger Benjamin, his nephew. Josiah the youngest son, had been apprenticed to John, his older brother and became a wool-dyer, also. Josiah was our direct ancestor.

Thomas, the eldest son to whom the father had resigned the business mentioned above, was an ingenious fellow and encouraged in learning, as all his brothers were, by an Esquire Palmer, one of the principal inhabitants of the parish, he (Thomas) qualified himself for the "Bar" and became a considerable man in his county and much taken notice of and patronized by Lord Halifax. He died January 17th, 1702, just four years to the day before Dr. Benjamin was born, and who was said to be so much like him that some one who knew them both well, remarked that they were so much alike that had he died four years later he would have been forced to believe in the transmigration of souls.

John, the second son, spoken of before, died and lies buried at Ecton. His nephew, Benjamin, visited there and saw his gravestone in 1758. John's eldest son Thomas, then occupied the Homestead, which at his death he left to his only daughter, who with her husband —— Fisher of Wellingsborough, sold it to Lord Isted, of the manor there. So after hundreds of years the estate passed out of the Franklin family.

Benjamin, born in England about 1652 or 1653 also came to America and settled at Boston. He was quite a learned man too and became quite a politician. He was married and left children and grandchildren in Boston.

Josiah, the youngest son, was also born at Ecton, in 1655, came to America with his wife and three small children in 1685. There were four more children born to this wife, after coming to America. She died and later Josiah was married to Abiah Folger, daughter of Peter Folger, who was one of the very early settlers of New England and was honorably spoken of by Cotton Mather as a "Godly and learned Englishman" and was a writer of both prose and verse. There were ten children by this marriage, which with the seven of the first marriage made seventeen in all, ten boys and seven girls. Benjamin was the youngest son but the two younger children were girls, but I believe only thirteen of the children reached adult age. There were also seven of the grandchildren raised in the family. Benjamin mentions in his biography that his father maintained this large family comfortably and brought up the thirteen adult children of his own and the seven grandchildren in a respectable manner.

The Franklin family in England early embraced the Reformed religion and their fore-fathers continued Protestant thro' the reign of Queen Mary when they were in danger of prosecution for non-conformity to the Church of England, and that is mainly what caused Josiah to seek a home in the

New World. There was a particular bond of affection between these two brothers, Josiah and Benjamin. The elder Benjamin was also very fond of his name-sake and god-son, the younger Benjamin. Josiah was considered a wise and prudent man and his advice was much sought after, by men of public affairs, tho' for himself, he never sought office of any kind. He was very fond of music, played the violin and also sang well and the son says it was quite a pleasure for them to be thus entertained by their father.

Abiah (Folger) Franklin, wife of Josiah, mother of the famous Benjamin and grandmother of Thomas, our direct ancestor in Maryland, was born in Massachusettes in 1667, died in 1752, aged 85 years, and lies buried in Boston beside her husband Josiah, after having lived lovingly together in wedlock, fifty-five years. Her husband, Josiah Franklin, died in 1744, aged 89 years.

Josiah's sons were all apprenticed to different trades. James, most probably the father of Thomas who settled in Maryland, became a printer. Went to England and selected the necessary equipment used in those days and had it shipped over here, and became one of the very early newspaper publishers in New England. In fact, his paper called the "New England Courant," was the second newspaper to be published in America. The first one was called the "Boston News Letter." The Courant publication was started about 1720 or 1721. Some of his friends tried to dissuade him from it, saying that in their judgment one newspaper was enough for America. But James thought differently and it became quite a success.

Josiah felt that he wanted to give Benjamin and set him apart as the "Tithe" of his sons to the ministry of the church but circumstances of one kind and another changed these plans.

Josiah's business in America was that of tallow chandler and soap manufacturer, a business to which he was not bred but which proved in this country to be a more profitable one than the wool-dyeing business (in which he had been trained), which was most important to him in the rearing of his large family. His son John learned the soap manufacturing business with his father and went to Rhode Island to set up same. Son Josiah went to sea, much against his father's wishes. His daughter Sarah, married Richard Bache. Daughter Jane, a Mr. Mecom of Philadelphia. Another daughter married Captain Robert Holmes, master of a vessel that traded between Boston and Delaware.

About a year after James set up the printing business, Benjamin was apprenticed to him in regular legal form, when he was but twelve years of age, to serve until he was 21. He was very fond of the water, a splendid swimmer and had a strong inclination for the sea and his father was afraid he might ship off on some vessel. But after serving about five years of his time and helping very materially in building up and increasing the circulation of the paper, very definite differences with his brother arose and what he considered very unfair treatment from him so he decided to run away. For he knew that his father would side with his brother and want him to serve his time, and that the law could compel him to do so. He managed with the help of a friend to ship out of Boston secretly, when but seventeen years of age and made his way, after many hardships to Philadelphia.

Benjamin was born January 17th, 1706, married Miss Deborah Read, whose father was a man of prominence in Philadelphia, September 1st, 1730, and died in 1790, aged 84 years. In his own story he speaks very affectionately of his wife and of her being a good and faithful helpmate. There must have been only two children born of this union as that is all he mentions. In 1736 they lost a fine little boy only four years of age. He contracted smallpox which was bad in the city at that time. This caused them great sadness. He regretted so much, that he had not given him the disease by innoculation. I suppose what we call vaccination. Their other son William grew to manhood and was of great assistance and service to his father, especially in his duties and travels in foreign lands, as he was getting up in years when he was Ambassador to France. William was later Governor of New Jersey, one of the original thirteen Colonies.

When Benjamin ran away from his brother he did not let his parents know where he was for seven months. And it was Captain Holmes, his brother-in-law, who in some way found out where he had located and made

it his business to hunt him up and influenced him to go back and see his parents, who had been greatly worried about him. When leaving home he had felt quite at odds with his father because, in any differences between them he had always sided with the elder brother rather than with Benjamin, and as he felt that he had always tried to do right by his brother, he did not find it easy to make up his mind to go back, but however he went. His parents were delighted to see him and he felt quite proud of himself. For he was dressed so much better than before, was sporting a watch and had quite a bit of money in his pockets, which seemed to impress his father with the idea that he was able to take care of himself, so that when he departed to go back, it was with his parents' blessing and good wishes.

Tho' it must be said that James paid very little attention to him, showing plainly that he had not forgiven him, but years later in returning from a visit home, he called at Newport, to which place James had removed with the business. This time he was very glad to see him and their meeting was affectionate. He was fast declining in health at this time and asked Benjamin that in case of his death, if he would take one of his sons then ten years old, and bring him up to the printing business, which he afterward did, first sending him to school several years, before permitting him to go into the office.

In the meantime, James' wife carried on his business and when this son grew to manhood, Benjamin bought him all new printing equipment, bringing the office up to date. Thus he felt that he had made ample amends to his brother for any loss of service that he may have sustained by his leaving him.

Benjamin had made good in Philadelphia and during his first years there had spent a great deal of his time in study and in reading worthwhile books. Books had always been quite a passion with him. He studied languages and could read and speak French with ease and was versed in Latin, Greek and Spanish. He made many influential friends among people of affairs and they proved of great benefit to him, in throwing business his way, among them many fast friends. In later years he came to have so many interests in public and civic affairs that the printing business was entrusted entirely into the hands of others. His advice and wise counsel were much sought after by men in all walks of life. In the great struggle of this country for her Independence he was sent as an Ambassador to France and by his wisdom and diplomacy was largely instrumental in having that country espouse the cause of the Colonies.

Benjamin tells this story that his father in his instructions to him when a boy, often repeated one of the Proverbs of Solomon: "Seest thou a man diligent in his calling, he shall stand before kings." Altho' he never expected to literally stand before kings, he not only stood before them but sat in council with them and also dined with them. He was quite up in years when his Ambassadorship ended and when he returned home he was met with great acclaim and rejoicing by a grateful populace.

General George Washington was foremost in receiving him. He ranked with the great statesmen in the early history of our country and was of great assistance in the establishment of her Independence. I am including this history of Benjamin in my story, because he was such an out-standing member of the family and I was able to obtain more of it than of any of the others. Benjamin was the only man in the colonies whose name was signed to both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Thomas had a son Charles and Charles was father of Rezin, which brings the line down to our great-grandfather's time. The said Rezin owned and operated a hotel at Franklinville, on the New Liberty Road, a main thoroughfare. In those days there were no railroads. All travel was by stagecoach, carry-all, horseback, etc. These places were social centers, often entertaining the most distinguished personages. And besides that many of these hostelries accommodated the numerous drovers who traveled the highways with their droves of cattle, or other stock, so that large roomy places on the main thoroughfares were quite necessary for the accommodation of both man and beast.

Thomas and Charles Franklin, grandfather and father respectively of Rezin mentioned above were buried in the family burying ground on the Franklin home place. This was then a custom followed by nearly all homesteaders, which custom to us seems a great pity, as in the years to come, in the natural course of events, these homes passed into other hands and sooner or later were entirely wiped out, which was the case in this instance, in comparatively recent years.

I obtained some important information along this line from Dr. Lynn Emerson of Orange, New Jersey, who married Marie Franklin, daughter of Lewis (Bud) Franklin and he went to a great deal of trouble to trace the Franklin family line. He said that Charles Sellman (who has passed away), who was reared in that section, knew the people and every foot of land thereabout, had directed him to the old Franklin farm where he found the graves of Thomas and Charles and lying beside the grave of Charles was that of his grandson Richard Bache Franklin, who had died in young manhood, in 1828, and who, no doubt, was named for the Richard Bache who had married their earlier relative, Benjamin Franklin's sister.

Part of Dr. Emerson's information was obtained from Jaared Sparks' life of Franklin and a part of mine from Benjamin's own auto-biography written along about 1771, and that part about the great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather from an aunt and an older cousin who had been reared in her grandmother's family. At the time of Dr. Emerson's visit which was some years ago, the farm was owned by a Mr. Shipley and he said that the inclosure then was so overrun with wild growth that you would never take it to be a burial ground until you climbed the fence and found the graves. I was told recently that the graves have been destroyed and all farmed over, which has been the fate of nearly all homestead burial grounds which had formerly been held sacred by their owners.

Churches and churchyards thro' the country were few in those days. I remember that even in my day, it was a common thing in driving along the public roads to see the landscape dotted here and there along the way with little burial plots but now it is a rare thing to see one. In most cases they have just been destroyed and farmed over. Nathan, grandson of Charles, before mentioned and who lived near Taylorsville also had a burial plot on his farm where members of the Franklin family lay buried. I do not know if it is still there or not but think likely it has gone the way of the others as he and all his family have long since passed on. He was an uncle to my father and I remember having seen him once when he was quite an old man. He was the only one of my father's uncles that I ever saw, but I knew his Aunt Polly (Mary) Cooke, well and loved to visit her with my grandmother when I was a little girl.

I believe all the ancestors which I have to record both in my own and in my husband's family connections settled in the early days in either Baltimore or Frederick counties. They formed a very large territory and the residents in both counties found it very inconvenient to travel the long distances required to their respective county seats, for the transaction of important legal business. So way back, nearly one hundred years ago, January 19th, 1837, the fight was won, the bill was passed and signed by Governor Veazy, but it was only after some hard-fought battles over a period of time that a large portion was taken from each of the two other counties to form the beautiful county of Carroll, with Westminster as its county seat, which town was laid out in 1764.

At that, we are not so very much younger than Baltimore, which I believe was laid out in 1729. Carroll County was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Rezin Franklin, great-great-grandson of Josiah, married Elizabeth (?) Gorsuch, and her mother's maiden name was Pierce, related to the family of Franklin Pierce, 14th President of the United States.

Major. Benjamin Gorsuch, brother of Elizabeth (Gorsuch) Franklin, married Sarah Gorsuch and had a family of sons and daughters, as follows;

Elizabeth Gorsuch, married to Thomas Goodwin of Westminster, first wife.

Thomas Gorsuch of Frederick and Catoctin, married Miss Anne Pole. Had no children, but I believe raised their niece, Miss Jennie Pole in their home.

Ellen Gorsuch, married Thomas Goodwin as his second wife. They had two children: Charles E. Goodwin of Westminster, who married Miss Annie Albaugh, daughter of Peter and sister of George W. Albaugh. They had no children. The second son was H. Price Goodwin of Westminster, married to Miss Effie Bennett, daughter of Eli Bennett. They have one son Charles and a little granddaughter, Ruth.

Mary Gorsuch never married.

Jane Gorsuch, married to Lewis N. Baile, farmer, near Westminster, second wife. Had one daughter Adella, who has never married.

Dennis Gorsuch married a Western woman.

Robert D. Gorsuch, married to Sarah A. Gardner, daughter of Nimrod Gardner, a prominent business man and farmer of Carroll County. They had two sons and one daughter.

Emerson Benjamin of Washington, married. Had three daughters; Roberta, Annanora, and Mamie now deceased.

Nora Catherine, never married. Died in August, 1934.

Harry Peyton, a business man of Westminster and Editor of "The Times". never married, he and his sister having for years lived together, in their home on Main Street, Westminster.

Stephen Gorsuch, married Elizabeth Franklin. Had one son Thomas, who married Miss Effie Albaugh, daughter of Abram Albaugh of Dennings.

The children of Rezin and Elizabeth (Gorsuch) Franklin were: Mary, (Polly), Rachel Pierce, Airey, Nathan, Thomas and Charles.

Mary (Polly), born about 1800, married Peter Cook. Their children were: Isaac, Mary, John, Minerva, Rezin and Rachel.

Isaac married Eliza Jane Wilt, daughter of Jacob Wilt of Jewsburg, now Marston, as her first husband. He died young. There were no children.

Mary, married to George W. Duvall. Their children were: Albin, John, LaFayette, Minerva, Walter, Ella, Ann Missouri and Alverta Indiana, twins; Ulysses and William.

Rachel and Minerva, both married and went West. Rachel's husband was a Mr. Kerchner. Minerva, I think, married a Mr. Jones. There was also a daughter Belinda, I believe.

John Cook married Susan Wilt. They had six children: Isabel, Lewis, Mary Elizabeth, India, Bertha and Davis.

Rezin F. Cook married Eliza Lindsay, daughter of Ephraim Lindsay. Their children were: Calvin, Stewart, Olivia (Charles Polk and James Clifton, twins). My Uncle, Doctor James Polk Summers was the physician and he named the babies, giving each of the twins a part of his own name.

Aunt "Polly" lived to a great age. I think she was 94 years of age or more. I can just barely remember Uncle Peter. He died years before Aunt "Polly". If I remember correctly there was a burying ground on their farm and as I believe the farm still belongs to descendants of the family, it may still be there.

Rachel Pierce Franklin, born April 26th, 1803, married Thomas Albert of English parentage, and died November 29th, 1891, aged 88 years, 7 months, 3 days. The children were: Belinda, Rezin Franklin, Elizabeth Ann, Nathan, Samuel, Jesse, Fannie, Minerva and Thomas Gorsuch.

Belinda married David Bloom and located in Mt. Washington, where they both ended their days. Their children were: Mary Elizabeth, Isaac, Ida Rachel, Margaret Harriet, Virginia, Thomas Gorsuch and Edith.

Rezin Franklin Albert, born September 19th, 1830, married to Hannah Elizabeth Buckingham of New Windsor District in 1861. Died on his farm in Morgan Valley, October 19th, 1882, aged 52 years and 30 days. Their children were: Nathan McClellan, Millie Ella, Vannie Jane, Harry Thomas, Jessie Viola, Carroll Pierce, Arthur Guy, Grace Estelle and Elsie Deane.

Elizabeth Ann, born about 1832, married to Wesley Ogg. They had no children of their own, but raised her brother Nathan's two little girls, after his death. Laura Belle and Edith May.

Nathan went to Urbana, Ill., when a young man and married Miss Ellen ewlon ~~Bell~~ Died when only ~~87~~ 39. His wife had preceded him in death. Later on he

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married again ~~Edith~~ ——. At his death he left two little girls as mentioned, one by each wife, which his sister Elizabeth Ann took and raised them in her own home, as before mentioned. Laura Belle, married a Mr. Welch and lives in Colorado.

Jesse married Emma Virginia Stout, daughter of Joseph Stout the nurseryman, on New Windsor road, near Westminster, along about 1869. They eloped, she ran away from college, and a little later, they too went to Urbana, Ill. She was born February 2nd, 1852 and died February, 1930, aged about 78 years. They continued to live in Urbana where they reared their family and where they both died. He at the age of 41 years. Their children were: LeVada, Guy and Aurelia (the two latter dying in infancy). The former reached womanhood, married and died leaving one son, Roy. The two younger sons of Jesse and Emma are Wylie and Joseph Stout Albert. The latter has his grandfather Stout's full name.

Fannie married a New Englander by the name of —— Blakelee. She had three children, Laura B., Thomas and Anna. I think the latter two have died, and Laura B. always lived in her grandmother's home and was married from there. First to William Littler and some years after his death she was married to Charles Goodspeed.

Minerva married to George Franklin. She died in middle age but Uncle George lived to be 87 or 88 years of age. Their children were: Harvey, Minnie, Reese (I imagine his name is Rezin), Frank and Laura May.

Harvey is now deceased. Left a wife and grown daughter, Sylvia. Their home is in Mahomiet, Ill. They have other children, married and now living in Urbana, but I cannot give their names.

Samuel died November 17th, 1861 when but 27 years and 7 months of age. He died leaving a daughter, Virginia, who married a Mr. Frizzell, but I have no record of her.

Thomas Gorsuch was born April 23rd, 1839. Volunteered for service for the Union in the Civil War, as a private in Co. C, 6th Md. Regiment, Infantry of Volunteers, U. S. Army. Col. Wm. A. McKellip of Westminster, was his commanding Colonel. He died in the service, September 12th, 1863, aged 24 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

All of Rachel Pierce's children, with the exception of the two eldest, Belinda and Rezin, and the two boys Samuel and Thomas who died in early manhood, went West with their husbands and wives, in the eighteen sixties and very early seventies and settled in Urbana, Ill. Their father and mother also went at the same time.

At that time the state was comparatively young, having been admitted into the Union December 3rd, 1818. In 1831 there were but twelve families in Chicago, besides a small garrison at Fort Dearborn. In 1850 Congress granted a vast quantity of land to the Illinois Central Railroad, which lent a great stimulus to emigration and Illinois had a rapidity of growth said to be greater than that of any other state, despite the check it received in the burning of a large part of the City of Chicago, October 8th and 9th, 1871. Our folks were living in Illinois at that time.

During my trip thro' the West in 1931, I traveled by bus over a good portion of the State which gave me quite an opportunity to see something of what a splendid state it is. We went from Rock Island across the state in a south easterly direction to Bloomington and then South to Champaign, where my cousins from Urbana, met me. It certainly was a most enjoyable trip, I surely would love to take that whole western trip over again only, I should like to go to California, if that opportunity ever comes, which it did in 1935. I certainly enjoyed being shown the University grounds and buildings, located at Urbana. Some of the relatives have held positions there for years and some of their children have been educated there. Jesse's two sons, Wylie and Joseph II have their homes in Urbana.

Joseph II is married to Pearl Bengston Morris. They have no children but his wife had three children by a former marriage, of whom he is very fond. Wylie was married to Justeine Brehm, Sept. 11, 1906. They have two sons, Joseph III and Donald. Joseph III got his Master's degree from Univ. of Illinois, married Edna P. Murphy, and has a splendid position in the State

Department at Springfield, as a Biologist. Donald is quite a musician, and has a fine position with the Illini Power Co.

Laura B. who had always made her home with her grandmother was twice married. Her first husband, William Littler, died, leaving one daughter, Tudie, now the wife of Fred W. Reynolds of Cleveland, Ohio. Her second husband is Charles W. Goodspeed. Laura too has always lived in Urbana. Minerva's children, all live there too, I believe, but I think some members of the other families are now living in some of the other states.

Airey Franklin was married to Nathaniel Richardson of Franklin District. I remember often hearing my father speak of him as Uncle "Nat" as he was familiarly called. Their children were: James, Rachel, Jane and Thomas.

James was married to Miss Martha Ellen Engleman, of Engleman's Mills. There were six children by this marriage: Alice, Charles, Ida, Ella, Edward and Meda.

Alice, married Jesse Stevenson, son of Thomas (Tommy) Stevenson of Spring Mills. They had one or more children, but she is now the only one left of her immediate family.

Charles married Miss Alice Devilbiss, daughter of Charles Devilbiss of New Windsor. Had several children.

Ida married George K. Schaeffer, of Cranberry Valley, who later, retired with their family of two daughters and one son to Westminster. The children were: Martha, Nellie and C. Russell.

Martha was married to Frank (Dixie) Shaw, son of Dr. Frank T. Shaw, of Westminster.

Nellie married to Dr. S. Luther Bare, a prominent physician of Westminster. Their children are: Samuel (Sam) Luther II, George Schaeffer, "Dan" Hoffman, Elizabeth and Martha Ellen.

Samuel Luther II, married Miss Betty Defenbaugh. They have one little son, Samuel Luther III.

C. Russell married Miss Eliza Belle Smith of Pennsylvania. He is connected with the Union National Bank of Westminster. They have two sons: C. Russell II, (C. R.) and William (Billy).

Ella married a Mr. Wampler of Ohio, Vernon, I think. They had two daughters and resided in Ohio.

Edward married a Miss Miller of Baltimore. They had two sons and several daughters. The sons were: Charles of Westminster and Miller of Baltimore. Cannot give the daughters names or whom they married.

Charles married Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denton S. Gehr of Westminster. They have a son Gehr and daughter, Katherine Noel.

Miller married Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Myers, a retired farmer of Westminster. They reside in Baltimore and have sons and daughters. The above mentioned Charles, is a business man of Westminster. Edward and family mentioned above reside on the home farm, in Wakefield Valley, one of the beauty spots of Carroll County.

Meda married Mr. Scott Wolfe of Union Bridge. Have one son. I do not know any of the history of the other three children of Nathaniel and Airey (Franklin) Richardson: Rachel, Jane and Thomas except that Rachel married a Mr. Crusey and Jane married a Mr. Lantz.

The above Richardson, Schaeffer, et al, families are children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Airey (Franklin) Richardson.

Nathan Franklin, married Miss Susanne Denning. I think her brother, Esquire Denning was the first Postmaster at Denning's and the postoffice was given the family name. The said brother also kept a general store there and served as Justice of the Peace a good many years and was always spoken of as Squire Denning. The little village still goes by that name and is situated on the Old Liberty Road. I remember this same brother of Susanne's visiting us when I was a small child. He was then, as I thought, quite an old man. I think what makes me remember him mostly, was the snuff-box which he carried, and of his making use of the contents quite freely. Although it was quite a customary thing in those days, and especially passing the box around for a "social pinch", yet it seemed quite a curiosity to me.

Nathan and Susanne only had two daughters, but there were several boys. David I believe was the eldest, and married Eliza Nusbaum, sister to Isaiah Nusbaum. One of their daughters is married to Harry D. Ditman of Westminster. Their children are Helen, wife of Vernon Harbaugh; William, of Oklahoma, and Eleanor, wife of Lynwood I. Flory, of Virginia. Kitty Lee Harbaugh is a grandchild, and William (Billy) and Eleanor, also have children.

William Franklin was a very prominent Elder in the Church of the Brethren and had a record rarely equalled for the marriages that he performed throughout the county. Persons of all denominations seemed to hunt him up. He was a son of Nathan. I do not know who William married but I know he had one son, Prof. William Franklin, who settled in California. There was another son, Benjamin, who died comparatively young and I am not sure if Nathan had any other sons, but I know there were two daughters, Eliza and Elizabeth. Eliza married Daniel Kyler, a farmer of Dennings. Their children were Susanne, Bradford, Sterling, Herbert, Etta and Harry. Susanne married George W. Pennington, had one son Russell. All now deceased. I think Bradford and Sterling have never married. Herbert, an inventor and manufacturer, of Westminster, married Miss Blanche Foard, of Harford county. They have one son, James, now in Franklin and Marshall College. Etta married Irving Hahn and they have long been residents of Philadelphia. She and her husband presented a Crosley Cabinet Electric Radio to our Cassell Home as a memorial to her mother. The guests in the home appreciate this gift very much. Harry, the youngest of the family died when only a youth.

Elizabeth was born Sept. 1846, and married John W. Wilt, December 28, 1864. They had three sons and one daughter. Howard Franklin Wilt, born February 10, 1866, now resides on the Pacific Coast. Ella May, born May 6, 1870, was married to Holly Willett, a farmer of Medford. They had two daughters: Ethel, married to Leroy Sellman, reside on a farm on the Mt. Airy road out of Westminster, and have one daughter Janet. Hattie, the second daughter has never married. She is a teacher in the Frederick schools, but has her home in Westminster. She and my son George were graduates of the same class in the Westminster High School.

Ella May died June 24th, 1934.

John David, born June 15, 1875, was a prominent farmer of New Windsor Dist. Later on he bought his grandfather Wilt's old home to which he retired with his family, and where they are still living. They have several sons and daughters, and I believe, the most of them are married.

Abner Claude Wilt, born November 2, 1877, married Miss Rhoda Bloom. Is a business man and resident of Unionville. They have one son, John III. John Wilt, husband of Elizabeth (Franklin) Wilt, and father of the above mentioned children, was the son of Jacob Wilt, the "Old Smith" of Marston, and he was also a brother to our grandmother, Sarah (Wilt) Buckingham. John and family continued to occupy the Old Homestead until his death and also continued in the smithy business as a sort of secondary matter. The old shop was still standing a year or so ago, 1933, when I passed through Marston. The home, as I have said, is still in the family, being occupied by his son, John David.

Thomas Franklin, of Uniontown Dist. was married to a lady of the same name, Miss Eliza Franklin. I read an account in Scharf's History of Western Maryland, that Thomas was one of the first three candidates for initiation to receive the Degree in Door-to-Virtue Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 46, which lodge moved to Westminster a little later. It celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in 1911.

There were two sons by this marriage. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, of Marston and Westminster, and Ephraim, of Uniontown. Dr. Benjamin was married to Miss Agnes Shuey, a daughter by the first wife of Jeremiah (Jerry) Shuey, a prominent farmer of this Dist. Mr. Shuey's farm was adjacent to my father's, in Morgan Valley. Dr. Franklin, who was first cousin to my father, was one of the physicians who attended him in his last illness. (Uncle James Summers, mother's brother-in-law, was the other). The children by this marriage were: Leo, a prominent physician and surgeon of Cumberland, and who established a private hospital there, devoting his later years to sur-

gery, radium, X-ray and office practice. He married Miss Lelya Weston Jordan, of Norfolk. He died recently at the age of 54 years, leaving five children and one grandchild. His wife preceded him in death some years before. Lillian, the eldest daughter, was married to Joseph Franklin, son of Ephraim and Elizabeth Franklin. He was a prominent business man of Westminster, and was at one time sheriff of the county. He was a large man and was injured in the fall of a hotel elevator shortly after their marriage, and never seemed to fully recover from the effects of the fall and died comparatively young, leaving no children.

Ethel, married to Norman B. Boyle, a banker of Westminster, and son of Joseph B. Boyle and grandson of Col. John Brooke Boyle, long prominent in the business and social life of the city. They have four daughters and one son.

Marie, R. N., of New York City. She offered her services to her country during the World War and was sent to England, where she was nursing soldiers in the hospitals while they were being bombed by the German airmen, in those dreadful times.

One sister, Bessie, was married to F. A. Bonnotte, son of Dr. F. A. Bonnotte, teacher of French and German languages for years, at Western Maryland College, or really until his retirement. He is now deceased. Bessie is also deceased. Her husband was also a teacher. I cannot give any history of Joseph, only that his home is in Cumberland.

Ephraim married Miss Elizabeth Segafoose, of Uniontown. They had a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Georgia. Joseph was married to Miss Lillian Franklin, as before mentioned. Georgia, the daughter, became the second wife of Mr. George R. Gehr, who was for years cashier of the First National Bank of Westminster. In fact he took a position in the bank just after finishing school. He is now deceased. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Noel Gehr, who married Landon C. Burns, of Virginia, Federal Agricultural Agent for Carroll County. They have one son, Donald (Don).

I have not succeeded in getting any of the family history of Charles Franklin at all, for which I am very sorry, but am quite sure that he was the father of Lewis Franklin, and grandfather of Marie (Franklin) Emerson.

I will now mention something of the family of Rezin (Reese) Franklin and Hannah Elizabeth (Buckingham) Albert. He was a farmer during the most of his life. The children were all born on a farm except sister Jessie. A little later he bought a farm in Morgan Valley, near Westminster, now in possession of Paul Robertson, where he died in 1882, aged 52 years and one month. Our mother followed two years later, leaving a family of nine children, four boys and five girls, only three of whom were about grown.

Nathan McClellan was born January 7th, 1862. Educated in the public schools. A favorite teacher, and one whom I believe, taught all of us at some time or other, was Miss Laura Poole, afterward Mrs. William N. Sellman, and later in life, my children all went to her, also, when she resumed teaching after the death of her husband, with the exception of our eldest son.

Nathan, married Margaret H. Bloom, of Mt. Washington, December 21, 1887. Died May 17, 1932, leaving his widow and one daughter, Ruth. Several children died in infancy. Franklin (Frank), the youngest child lived to be a bright little fellow of three years. Nathan was in the hardware, heating and plumbing business practically all his life. Died of cancer of the throat, a dreadful ailment, which he bore with the greatest patience and Christian fortitude. He always seemed more than brother, especially to the younger children, who looked upon him almost as if he were their father, and he looking upon the children also with a fatherly affection. Raised Elsie, the youngest one, in his home, and looked after the interests of the others until they were in positions to look out for themselves, which they all seemed to have done in a creditable manner. Nathan lies buried in the Westminster cemetery.

Millie Ella, born December 11, 1863. Attended the public schools, also Westminster Seminary, conducted by Prof. Buell, and later Western Md. College. She afterward taught in the Carroll county schools. It was while teaching at Sykesville that she met Samuel L. Little, of Freedom, to whom she was later married in historic old Stone Chapel near Warfieldsburg, September 22, 1886. By this union there were four living children, one having

died in infancy. They were: Harry Edgar, Emma May, George Arthur and Margaret Elizabeth (Artie). The baby who died in infancy was Warren Albert.

Vannie Jane, named for two of her mother's aunts, Margaret Van Buren Stem (Vannie), and Eliza Jane Sellman (Jane), born on her father's farm near Warfieldsburg, April 28, 1866. Shortly after the death of our parents, which occurred, father's in 1882, mother's in 1884, she went to Urbana, Ill., to make her home with her grandmother Albert, where she attended school for a time. On June 12, 1889 she married James Willard Glasco, of Scotch parentage, who had been a schoolmate, and later established himself in the bakery business in Urbana. They afterward removed to Rock Island, in the same state, where sister still lives, he having died some years ago. There were two children born to them, a son and a daughter, Willard Cecil and Irma Alberta. W. Cecil was born June 4, 1891. Educated in the Rock Island high school, married November 1, 1913, to Miss Marguerite Phelps of Ft. Dodge, Iowa. He has been connected practically since he left school with a large leather firm in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has two living sons: Richard Phelps, born, October 10, 1914. Stewart Buckingham, born September 10, 1916, died March 29, 1921. The little fellow was struck by an automobile, when running to meet his little brother returning from school. Don Nixon, was born February 15, 1922. He is passionately fond of music and is quite a little musician. Richard attended Augustana College in Rock Island before entering Minnesota State University.

The daughter, Irma Alberta, was born August 3, 1898, was married January 9, 1925 to Warren Cady Skinner, a business man of Moline, Ill, and a son of Charles Porter Skinner. The latter is now deceased. They have a little son, Charles Porter II, born July 28, 1930. Warren's two great-grandfathers were very prominent in the early business life of the city of Moline. His great-grandfather Deere on his mother's side, was a manufacturer and inventor. The famous John Deere plow was one of his inventions. He had an immense plant in Moline for the manufacturing of the plow and other implements of his invention. I had the pleasure of being shown around it when I visited them in 1931. His great-grandfather on his father's side, Porter Skinner was one of the organizers and the first president of the first Bank in Moline. His grandmother was Alice Deere, daughter of John Deere and married a Mr. Cady. His mother was Alice Mabel Cady. I visited them at their home when in Illinois.

Harry Thomas, named for his grandfather Albert, was born February 9, 1870. After the death of our parents and our home was broken up, he lived for a time with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson. Afterward he went with a farmer, Mr. William Royer. Later on when but a youth he went to Urbana, Ill., where his sister was then living, and a lot of other relatives. There he learned the trade of baking, with his brother-in-law, Willard Glasco, but when he was about twenty-three, he contracted a very heavy and severe cold which settled on his lungs and he was never strong afterward. He came home then, only to die about two years later at brother Nathan's home, June 14, 1895, at the age of 25 years, 4 months and 5 days. He was a member of the band at Urbana, and was quite a cornet player and soloist. He is buried beside his parents in the family lot at Stone Chapel, New Windsor Circuit.

Jessie Viola, was born at Warfieldsburg, January 31, 1873, where our father at that time had the postoffice and general store. After our home was broken up, Jessie also went with our aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robertson, mentioned before, (Mrs. Robertson being our mother's sister), where she lived for a couple years. Then Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wampler took her to raise. Mrs. Wampler before marriage was Lydia Englar, and a niece to the Cassell ladies who gave the Cassell Home. Jessie was married from the Wampler home. to W. Royer Bish, March 7, 1895. He was a relative of Mrs. Wampler, and the only son of Ezra M. and Ruth (Royer) Bish. Mr. Ezra Bish retired from his farm and turned it over to his son and engaged in the fertilizer business in Westminster. After running his father's farm for a few years, farming and dairying, Royer decided he would like to try his fortune in some enterprise in the West. So, in March, 1902 he removed, with his little family to Granada, Colorado, and not only his own family, but there were several

other families joined them, thirty persons in all, to try their fortunes in the West. They chartered a car and moved all the belongings that they cared to take. At that time Royer and Jessie only had two children, Amos and Margaret. The others with the exception of Ruth were born in their adopted state, Colorado. There was a large crowd at the station to see them off the morning they left. That was quite an event in Westminster in that day and age. That was just before the age of the automobile, and it seemed much farther away then than it does now, with the newer modes of travel, but nothing to the ancient mode of travel and adventure, as compared to the "Forty-niners", but with practically the same point in view, to seek their fortunes in the vast country beyond the "Father of Waters". I believe the most of the party were successful and made good, but I believe there were probably a few that returned East. Royer and his family first settled at Granada, Colorado. After about five years of discouraging work, on account of hailstorms, ruined crops, etc., they decided they didn't like that part of the state so much, so they sold their land and personal property and moved back East. They went to Waynesboro, Pa., where Royer was employed in one of the large manufacturing plants there for about six months, but he could not shake off the Western fever so easily. So he decided to venture into the West again, this time going to Rocky Ford, Colo., a flourishing town nearer Denver, and with a better sort of climate than Granada. After sizing up the town, he decided it would be a good town for an ice plant, as there was none there. So he came right back to Waynesboro and bought one of the large Frick ice machines and had it shipped on to Rocky Ford where he set up an ice and cold storage plant and bottling works, and started making ice for the town. His judgment proved very good and he carried this enterprise on very successfully for a number of years until in 1920 he sold out the whole business—a very profitable sale. Then he decided to bring the family East for a visit to their relatives and to show them this part of the country and the principal places of interest, including Washington, Gettysburg, Annapolis, Baltimore, New York, Niagara Falls, and places and scenes that I cannot begin to recount. I will tell of their children and grandchildren now, and relate the story of their visit to the East later on. There are five living children and one little son that died at Granada: Amos Royer, Margaret Louise, Albert Ezra, Clyde Hamilton, Ruth Mae and Charles Carroll.

Amos Royer, born January 13, 1897, on the grandfather's farm near Westminster, went with his parents when about five years of age to Colorado, in March, 1902. Graduated from the high school at Rocky Ford, went into the fuel and feed business there in the town. Now in farm implement business also. Was married August 23, 1924 to Hazel Dean VanVranken (Vannie) of Minnesota, and a teacher in the Rocky Ford high school. They have one little adopted daughter, Catherine Royer, born January 14, 1931.

Margaret Louise, born February 20, 1900, on the farm mentioned above, near Westminster, moved with her parents to Colorado when two years of age. Graduated from Rocky Ford high school and McPherson Institute, Kansas, where she taught for awhile after graduation. Was married August 28, 1923, to Jay Walter Tracey, whose romance started in their school days at McPherson ,where they both graduated. They have a very interesting little family, Jay Walter II, born June 13, 1925; Janice Ruth, adopted daughter, born February 20, 1930; Margaret Joyce, born December 1, 1930, died in infancy; Barbara Louise, born January 1, 1932; John Royer, born March 7, 1935, on his grandfather's and grandmother's 40th wedding anniversary.

Clyde Hamilton Bish was born at Granada, Colo., Feb. 21, 1903, died in infancy and was buried there.

Albert Ezra was born at Granada, September 6, 1904. Graduated from Rocky Ford high school, went into the hardware and implement business there with his father. (Margaret's husband, Jay Walter Tracey is also a member of the firm.) Was married June 30, 1930, to Pauline Beckham, whose father is a ranchman near Canon City, Colo. They have a little son, William (Billy) Beckham Bish, born September 19, 1931. Billy's great-grandfather Albert was born on that same day of the month just 101 years before.

Ruth Mae Bish, was born July 8, 1906, while her parents were living in Waynesboro, Pa. Graduated from Rocky Ford high school and McPherson

Institute. Is a teacher of Home Economics in the high school at Sylvan Grove, Kansas. Ruth Mae was named for her grandmother Bish and aunt Mae (Bish) Gist, whose husband, Robert Gist, was a great-great grandson of General Mordecai Gist, of Revolutionary fame.

Charles Carroll Bish, was born at Rocky Ford, Colo., March 21, 1908. He is a graduate of Rocky Ford high school, McPherson Institute, and of the University of Southern California in Dental Surgery. Passed the State Board exams. of both Colorado and California very creditably, and has established an office in South Pasadena, of the latter state and is getting along fine. He is named for his uncle Carroll and the old Maryland patriot and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

Since the family moved again to Colorado in 1906, the father and mother with different ones of the children, have made a number of trips back to Maryland to visit their relatives and friends, and especially during the lifetime of Royer's father and mother. Two of the visits were made by Jessie and Royer in 1924 and again in 1930, and were stop-offs on their homeward journeys from tours they had been making in Europe, and each of about three months duration, landing each time in New York and proceeding by train to Westminster. The first stop-off from the European trip was in 1924, and sister Vannie from Illinois was also visiting the relatives in Westminster then and we decided to have a family reunion. The children of Rezin and Hannah Albert had never all been together at one time since their home was broken up after the death of their parents in 1884. That had been forty years. We were all living in Westminster at the time, with the exception of Carroll and his family, whose home was in Waynesboro, Pa., and the visitors of course. Elsie's husband at the time was in Pittsburgh, with the Illinois Central R. R. My son George, was in Baltimore then and son Harry was in New York at that time. So one Sunday morning in August we all got together for the occasion. Those from a distance were all there with the exception of our eldest son, Harry, who did not get the word in time, which I certainly did regret, for he said he could have come if he had. There were five automobile loads of us, twenty-four persons, and of all the good things that we took along for our picnic, everything good that you could think of. That was a day to be remembered all the balance of our lives. We had such a good time, except for a fright we had for a little while after we got there, when we thought LeVere, Jr., (about five) was lost. We thought he was lost but he did not think so, for when they found him he was just as unconcernedly enjoying himself as if we had all been there. That was the last time we have ever all been together, three of the number have passed away since then: brother Nathan and my husband, Samuel Little, and daughter May's husband, Leroy Butts. And then too, some of them had occasion to remember it afterward, for they got the "chiggers", an invisible flea-like insect that burrows under the skin and causes great irritation. I forgot to say, our day was spent at Gettysburg. Those composing the party were: Nathan, his wife and daughter Ruth; Millie, her husband Samuel, and daughter May, with her husband, Leroy E. Butts and son Leroy, Jr.; our son George A. Little, daughter Margaret and her husband, G. Leroy Smeak; sorry to say Harry did not get there; sister Vannie J. Glasco, from Illinois; sister Jessie V. Bish and her husband Royer, from Colorado; Carroll Pierce Albert and his wife and daughter Frances, now Mrs. J. Alfred Myers, from Waynesboro, Pa.; Arthur Guy Albert, his wife and daughter, Marguerite, now Mrs. Stanley G. Moore; and cousin Margaret Stem: Elsie Dean Stem and her husband, LeVere Hathaway Stem, and son LeVere Hathaway, Jr.

I want to say something of Jessie's and Royer's second trip to Europe, which was in 1930. They took in the Passion Play at Oberammergau, the Mediterranean trip, including Turkey, Palestine and the Holy Land, Cairo, the land of the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Nile, etc. That was a wonderful trip for them and Royer had a moving picture camera and took pictures of everything that he could along their route and after their return home he had them developed so that he could exhibit them on his moving picture machine, which he takes great pleasure in showing to friends and visitors in his home, and it is a great pleasure to see them. It was my pleasure to see them two or three times while I was visiting there the next year, 1931. On their return homeward from that trip they stopped off in Westminster in September, 1930,

for a short stay with the relatives. That was their last visit with brother Nathan. He was then suffering with an incurable disease of the throat and passed away in May, 1932. He was so glad that they had the opportunity to visit him as we all were. The most notable trip home which Royer and Jessie undertook was made by the whole family, seven of them, for a stay in Maryland of about two months. They made the trip in a seven passenger Buick, with trailer attached, containing tent and camping equipment, including ice-box and oil stove and all their baggage. They all dressed in khaki suits when traveling. You might say three of the children were grown at the time, Amos, Margaret and Albert, and there were four of them that could drive the car. When it suited them to camp they camped and when it did not they put up at hotels. There were very few tourist camps along the highways then, compared to today. They traveled about five thousand miles in making the trip, without any mishap whatever, except for the trailer becoming detached from the car in the Missouri mud (caused by heavy rains). They took kodak pictures of their experiences there and had a lot of fun over them. I think that was about the first trailer that had been seen around here and the morning that they started back there was quite a crowd gathered around the father's home to see them off. Five or six generations of Royer's relatives have lived in that home 91 W. Main street, Westminster. That was a wonderful trip for the whole family, both as to education and pleasure. They visited all points of interest in the East, spent some days in Washington. Came home by the Southern route, went back by the Northern route. Took in Phila., Atlantic City, on to New York and up the west side of the Hudson to Niagara Falls, to Chicago, crossed the Mississippi, and on through the Plains States to Colorado. Having made a profitable sale of his business interests in the town before coming East, Royer was out for new business. He selected the hardware and implement business and has since taken his son Albert and his son-in-law, Walter Jay Tracey in the business with him, and added furniture. It is a double store. They also bought a lovely home just at the edge of town and the daughter Margaret and husband have since built their home right across the street from them. I had a most pleasant and enjoyable visit in their home in 1931, which I have mentioned before, and again in 1935. They took me around to see so much of the wonderful scenery of their state. I have written an account of my trip in a separate book and have views of many of the lovely scenes. Royer has now retired, and put the business in the hands of his son, Albert and son-in-law, Jay Tracey.

Carroll Pierce Albert, named for Charles Carroll of Carrollton (his grandfather Albert was born at Carroll Manor) and his grandmother Rachel (Pierce) Albert, which was also the sur-name of her grandmother, thus going back to his great-great-grandmother for his middle name. He was born October 24, 1875, on the farm in Morgan Valley which father had bought and to which he had removed with his family April 1, 1874. Paul Robertson now owns the farm. It is only a few hundred yards from the Westminster-Mt. Airy road and about three miles from Westminster. He was educated in the public schools and the hard knocks of practical experience. He nearly lost his life in a skating accident at school one day by falling thro' the ice, but somehow he got a hold on the ice and held on while the other little boys got a rail and pushed it out to him and in that way they succeeded in getting him out. He was about nine and I don't think any of the boys were much older than he. They took him home where he was wrapped in warm blankets, rubbed with alcohol and given hot drinks and he got along fine without having any illness from it. This accident happened shortly after our mother's death and before our home was broken up. I was teaching at Sykesville, brother Nace was employed in H. S. Robert's store at Medford and Vannie, then about seventeen was at home taking care of the younger children until arrangements could be made for a sale, and caring for the little ones, but every one was very kind to them. Carroll was with relatives for a short while when Mrs. Nathan Nicodemus (a widow) and daughter, Hannah Mae (afterward Mrs. Ed. Roop) of Wakefield, gave him a home where he lived for several years, later going to his sister's (Mrs. Glasco) in Urbana, Ill., where he learned painting in the car shops there. After a few years he came home for a visit and Brother Nathan who was manager of the Westminster Hardware

Co. needed a man, so he gave him a job in the store. He afterward became stock or property man and remained there for quite a few years, until, I think it was about 1910 that he had an opportunity to enter into a partnership in Waynesboro, Pa., with a friend, Charles Englar, who was in the plumbing and heating business, under the firm name of Englar and Albert. Charley and Carroll had gone to school together as boys at the Wakefield school. The plumbing and heating business proved quite successful for them. Charley taking care of the men and the practical part of the business and Carroll of the buying and selling and office business. Later on they started up a knipple factory also, making all sizes of elbows and joints for plumbing works, on a small scale at first. Carroll taking charge of the factory in addition to his other work and Charley keeping on with the plumbing work. They kept enlarging the factory from time to time as the growth of the business required and finally they decided that it would pay them to sell the plumbing business and devote their entire time and energy to the business of running the factory, as it had grown to such an extent that it required a man to superintend the management of it, as well as, another to superintend the shipping, for at that time they were often running day and night shifts of workmen, but of course business has been dull during the depression but they never had to close down entirely. It is now very good.

Carroll Pierce Albert was married to Lula M. Butler, March 12th, 1902. She was the daughter of Eli T. and Frances R. Butler, of Westminster. Her father was miller for N. I. Gorsuch & Son for years. Carroll and Lula have one daughter. (A little son died at birth.) The daughter is Frances Elizabeth named for here two grandmothers. Her mother's mother and her father's mother. Frances was born in Westminster, September 29th, 1908 and removed to Waynesboro with her parents when a small child. Graduated from the Waynesboro High School, and then took a four-year course and graduated from Randolph-Macon College, for Women at Lynchburg, Va. She taught special subjects for awhile in the Waynesboro H. S. Was married to Mr. John Alfred Myers of Waynesboro, Pa., October 26th, 1933 and they are making their home in that town, where her husband's business interests are. Their little daughter is Carol Ann and was born October 21st, 1934. Carroll and wife, also have a home in Waynesboro, on Third Street. They are now (summer of 1934) on an automobile trip thro' the West, visiting with Sister Jessie and family in Rocky Ford, Col., and with Sister Vannie's family in Moline, Ill., and also with father's relatives in Urbana and Champaign. Also Lula's brother Clayton in Ohio. They visited most of the wonderful scenery around Colorado Spring, which I also had the pleasure of seeing in 1931, thro' the kindness of Jessie and Royer. They then went on to Yellowstone Park and Grand Canyon and on their return visit—the Century of Progress, taking Sister Vannie from Moline, with them. They certainly had a wonderful trip, going by a southern route and coming back by a more northerly route.

When Carroll and Lula were married twenty-five years, they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. That was March 12th, 1927, and the main part of the celebration was held at Anthony Wayne Hotel, one of the principal hotels in Waynesboro. There were about one hundred and fifty guests. The guests assembled first at their home and after viewing the display of lovely presents, they proceeded to the hotel, where the banquet was served and afterward dancing and cards were enjoyed by the guests, for whom they had the greater part of the lower floor reserved. It was a lovely affair and the guests certainly seemed to enjoy themselves. The decorations were pink and white, and the profusion of delicate pink snap dragons certainly made the tables look lovely. An amusing little incident happened when the guests were beginning to take their leave. A gentleman from Waynesboro, a friend of Carroll's, came up to Arthur, and started to congratulate him and thank him for the pleasant evening they had enjoyed. He knew Carroll well but didn't know Arthur, which proves what I said before, that in some ways, they seemed a lot like twins, and some people couldn't tell them apart, when they saw them separately. It was taken as quite a joke.

Arthur Guy was born March 20th, 1877, on the farm in the Valley, already mentioned. He and Carroll were only 17 months apart and were more like twins. They couldn't talk plainly until after they went to school, in fact, no one

outside the family could understand them very well, but they both talked exactly alike and when they were little fellows, they were always together. Even now lots of people that seem to know them very well can't tell which is which, when they see them separately, often taking one for the other. When Arthur was nearly three years old and small for his age, he and Carroll came near having a fatal accident. I think it happened on February 27th, 1880 and it was a lovely springlike day. A large kettle of soap had been made that morning for family use as was then the custom. There was a small room built on the end of the porch, near the kitchen, used as an outside pantry or store room. Into this room at noon, the men had set this kettle to cool and had covered it with a board covering. The children had never been in the habit of going into this room, but this day, an hour or more after the kettle had been put there and while mother was busy at other work, something prompted them to open the door, when they spied some beautiful red ears of corn on a shelf too high for them to reach. Carroll hopped up on the kettle and Arthur hopped up after him. This tilted the covering. Carroll slipped out of harm's way, but Arthur slipped in, feet foremost, and was horribly burned, all over his limbs and some spots on his body where it splashed up. The stuff still being very hot. Around his little ankles at the top of his shoes where the stockings held the thick liquid were the deepest burns, one of them was twelve weeks healing. His life was despaired of for several days. I think it happened on a Friday and the following Sunday was a sad day at our home. Father and Mother didn't think the little son could live and there was such a crowd of sympathetic friends and neighbors coming and going all the time that it seemed sort of funeral like, but he was such a gritty little fellow that he got well in spite of the seriousness of his burns, thro' the over ruling of Providence. Mother's brother-in-law, Dr. Summers, was his physician and sometimes, while his burns were so painful, he would want to scrap with his Uncle "Doc" "Go 'way you ole bat (brat) you, you 'e me be," he would say. Brat was the worst word he knew and he tho't he needed a bad word to express himself. I'll just give a few samples of Carroll and Arthur's talk with interpretations. "Ah, wha ya? Ya up in top o' tubbie", meaning, Arthur where's the molasses? Molasses is in the top of the cupboard. Two of father's horses at that time had the same name, Fanny. One was a large iron grey and the other was a chunky, high strung little black. She was the favorite. Father later sold the little black one to Herr Bros., then carriage manufacturers of Westminster. We always called the one big Fanny and the other little Fanny. Carroll used to sing a regular song over and over: "Me take big 'Sha' out to town, me bing 'wu Sha' back, an' me bill a 'bick 'ouse' way out in the 'baka oots', me teep wu Sha ya". Meaning, I'll take big Fanny out to town and I'll bring little Fanny back and I'll build a brick house way out in the back woods and keep little Fanny there. There was a wood lot attached to the back end of the place which we always spoke of as the backwoods, and I suppose he tho't they would be safe there. One day when Estelle was a baby, just crawling around, Arthur left the table from the opposite side from where the baby was sitting to go out the door and not seeing the baby he sort of stumbled over her. It frightened him so, he said, "Muddie, pick a baby up. Dam a baby." The rest sitting around the table were so amazed they couldn't say anything, but laugh when he got out of hearing. For that was a new word from the children and he said it so innocent like. We older ones used to have lots of fun with them telling them how they talked when they were little. When we were obliged to break up our home after our parents' death, I was teaching at Sykesville and Brother Nathan was clerking at Medford so there was no one but Sister Vannie to look after all the little ones and manage the home which, of course, was altogether too much for her, as she was only about seventeen her self. I know it was a very hard thing for us, but there seemed to be nothing else to do. The children were mostly with relatives at first. Our Mother's Aunt Vannie (Margaret VanBuren), and her husband David E. Stem of Sam's Creek, took Arthur when he was seven years old and gave him a home with them. He attended the public schools, but declined a business education which his uncle offered him but he gained a good practical business education by being connected with business interests in some capacity during the most of his life, thus far, at Stem's store. A store

where they sold all kinds of general merchandise. It was a landmark in that area and was widely known thro' a good part of the state. Uncle David having spent his long life there, from his youth up, in the merchandise business. He entered the business with his uncle David Engel, when a boy, and for whom he was named, David Engel Stem. When he had reached his fiftieth year there as a merchant, there was a big celebration given in his honor. The whole country side and many friends from a distance, gathered in what they called the "Meadow", near the store to celebrate the occasion.

They had a regular program, with speakers and Mrs. Evelyn Timanus of Baltimore, wrote a beautiful poem, just for him. There were plenty of eats, ice-cream, water melons, etc galore. It was certainly a gala day and one to be always remembered by those who attended. So it was to the home of Aunt Van and Uncle Dave, as they were affectionately known, that Arthur went as a frail little boy and where he lived until after the death of his aunt and uncle, many years later. Their eldest daughter Margaret had always remained at home with her parents. She never married though she had plenty of admirers and was never at a loss for company. After the home at Sam's Creek was broken up and they moved to Westminster to make their home, Margaret and Arthur and his wife still continued to all live together. David Engel Stem was born January 31st, 1835. Died March 4th, 1922, aged 87 years, 1 month and 3 days. Margaret VanBuren (Wilt) Stem was born September 22nd, 1837, died March 29th, 1910 aged 72 years, 6 months, 7 days.

My wedding day happened to come on Aunt Vannie's birthday and I notice that Uncle Dave's birthday and sister Jessie's came on the same day of the month, 31st January. After Uncle David was quite well up in years he left the management of the store practically to Arthur. His only son Ezra having left the old Homestead upon his second marriage years before and had gone into the banking business in Westminster. It was here that Arthur got his good wife and where his little daughter Marguerite was born and the other two little ones who died in infancy. Arthur was married to Margaret Lavinia Eisenhart, daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Cook) Eisenhart and granddaughter of John and Susan (Wilt) Cook. Susan was a sister of Vannie Stem's, so that made her great aunt to both Arthur and his wife and they both being left orphans when very young, Aunt Vannie and Uncle David had taken both the little dark-haired boy and the little light-haired girl into the bosom of the family to raise. When they grew to manhood and womanhood they found themselves in love with each other and were married on Thanksgiving day, November 30, 1905, in the beautiful little Bethel Church near the home. It was such a pretty wedding and they had a lovely dinner at the home for the wedding party and the immediate families. The marriage I believe was very satisfactory to the aunt and uncle so they still continued to live on in the old home until after the death of Uncle David who lived a number of years after his wife and I believe they looked after their interests and comfort as if they had really been their parents. Once Aunt Vannie, in conversation with me said: that they did not want them to leave the home for said she, "I can't do without Maggie and David can't do without Arthur, so we want them still to continue to stay on with us", which they did. Their daughter, Marguerite VanBuren, was born at Sam's Creek November 7th, 1909. She attended the public schools, graduated from Westminster High School, the youngest in a class of eighty-some pupils. She spent a couple of school years with us while in High School before her parents moved to Westminster, to a home centrally located on E. Green Street. She and daughter Margaret were great pals altho' Marguerite was so much younger. After High School, Marguerite attended Western Maryland College for one year and then entered "Cedar Crest", a college for girls at Allentown, Pa., where she graduated in 1928. She then took a business course and got a position in a broker's office in Baltimore, for quite awhile and was married June 29th, 1933, to Dr. Stanley Gray Moore, a young dentist of Hagerstown, Md., where he has established an office and where they are now living. Since living in Westminster, Arthur has continued in the merchandise business tho' it is of a different kind, now being the manager and part owner of the Albert Bros., Inc., Hardware, Plumbing and Heating Co. of Westminster. Carroll and Arthur joined with brother Nathan in forming this company and incorporating it after his with-

drawal from the Westminster Hardware Co., which he had managed since its formation, and of which he was also a director for a number of years, and had made it a flourishing business. But he made the mistake of not going into business for himself years earlier, instead of spending his life and business energy for others until failing health overtook him. He did not enjoy running his own business for any length of time, on account of the failing health already mentioned. A dreaded throat infection which sapped his life away. His going was on May 17th, 1932, but so far there has been no change in the business, only that Arthur is now the manager as already stated.

Grace Estelle Albert was also born on the Morgan Valley farm before mentioned, July 1879. She was five years old at the time of her mother's death and was for a time in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Summers, Mrs. Summers being mother's sister and Stella's aunt. She was also with her grandparents for a short time, until Brother Nace, having married, he and his wife took her to live with them. Sometime later on, Sister Vannie, in the West, having married, asked Stella to come live with them which she did until she was about fourteen. In 1893, Brother Nathan, his wife and Sister Jessie attended the World's Fair in Chicago and also visited the relatives in Urbana. Stella discovered then that she was homesick and she was also far from well, having developed that dread disease diabetes. They saw that she would be grieved if they came home and left here behind so they brought her back with them and she came to make her home with my husband and family and me at Eldersburg. The next summer Estelle and Elsie tho't they would like to exchange places for a while, as a sort of visit. Elsie coming with us and Estelle going to Nathan's for a while but she never got back to us any more. Her health kept on failing very fast, until one evening she died, very suddenly, almost at the supper table, October 16th, 1894, aged 15 years, 2 months, 27 days. She was buried in the family lot at Stone Chapel, near Westminster, where our parents are buried.

Elsie Deane Albert was also born on her father's farm in Morgan Valley, July 6th, 1881. Was three years and a half old at the time of her mother's death and remained with her father's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Bloom in Mt. Washington, until the marriage of her eldest brother, Nathan, when they took her to live with them. Later on, they had both the little girls for a short time. She attended school in Westminster. After she grew up she was employed in the Wm. F. Derr Department Store and after he went out of business, she went with the Miller Bros., who operated practically the same kind of a store, where she remained until the time of her marriage. In June 1909 she was married to LeVere Hathaway Stem, of Chicago, son of William T. and Julia Hathaway Stem. LeVere Hathaway Stem was born August 26th, 1882. LeVere's mother was descended in direct line from Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, the English play writer. Mrs. Stem herself was quite an artist and did a great deal of painting, both on China and Canvas. Elsie and LeVere were married in Grace Lutheran Church, on Carroll Street, on a Wednesday afternoon in June, in the presence of a large crowd of witnesses. The church was beautifully trimmed and it was a very pretty wedding. Flossie Handley was maid of honor, and Carroll Stem was best man. Brother Arthur and David Stem were the ushers. Brother Nathan and wife gave a reception afterward to the bridal party and friends. They lived for a time in Chicago and Detroit. LeVere attended the Armour School of Technology in the former city where he graduated in 1905 or 06, I think it was, as a chemical engineer. He was first employed as chemical inspector by the Rock Island R. R. and a few years later he went to the Illinois Central where he has been for at least twenty-some years and for some years has been chief chemical inspector. They had two children: Alice Hathaway and LeVere Hathaway II. Alice was born in Detroit in August, 1912, and died in the fourth year of her age, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, and is buried at Stone Chapel churchyard on the New Windsor Circuit. She was a beautiful and lovable child. LeVere Hathaway II, was born in a Baltimore hospital, April 12th, 1918, and is now seventeen years of age (1935). LeVere's work as chief inspector of equipment and materials kept him traveling most of the time and Elsie, with the children lived in Westminster for some years,

but when LeVere was in the 4th or 5th grade in the public school, she went to Harrisburg, and put the boy in school at the Harrisburg Academy, which he has attended ever since and is to graduate in June of this year, 1935, which he did, and is now taking a post-graduate business course at the same academy (1936). I have been writing on this story, adding to it, etc., for four or five years.

Our mother's maiden name was Hannah Elizabeth Buckingham, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Wilt who was married to Leonard Jackson Buckingham. So the genealogy reads: Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Wilt (Buckingham), who was the daughter of Elizabeth Franklin (Wilt), who was the daughter of Charles Franklin (and sister of Rezin Franklin), who was the son of Thomas Franklin, who was the son of James or Samuel (immaterial which), who was the son of Josiah. Benjamin, the American Statesman was the youngest of the ten sons of Josiah. It so happens that mother's and father's maternal parents were both connected with the family line of Benjamin Franklin. Father's grandfather on his mother's side was Rezin Franklin son of Charles of Franklinville and mother's grandmother on her mother's side was Elizabeth, the daughter of Charles, making their respective grandfather and grandmother, brother and sister. There is also a relationship on the Gorsuch side. Rezin Franklin married Elizabeth (?) Gorsuch (sister of Major Benjamin Gorsuch) and Obadiah Buckingham, II (father of Leonard), married Hannah Gorsuch, sister of Sarah Gorsuch, wife of Major Benjamin Gorsuch. There was also some relationship between Sarah and Major Benjamin. Scharf's History of Western Maryland says the Franklin ancestors of our branch of the family migrated down into the old commonwealth of Maryland and settled at Franklinville, then Frederick county, in 1745, and from whom the village took its name and for whom the district was also named. Franklinville was situated on the Liberty road, a principal stagecoach line and Charles opened a Hotel or Inn there, which remained in the family for several generations, of which our great-grandfather Rezin Franklin was later proprietor.

WILT

Our mother's ancestors, the Franklins, Wilts, Buckinghams and Gorsuch's, were all of English ancestry, as also our father's, the Franklins, Alberts, Gorsuchs and Pierces. The Wilts came from Wiltshire, England, and settled in Virginia, but Jacob, the direct ancestor of our family came to what was then Frederick County, Md. He was then a single man and a fine blacksmith which was then a very good trade. And he set up shop at Franklinville and boarded at the Franklin Hotel and in due time fell in love with the proprietor's daughter Elizabeth and then began somewhat of a romance. When Jacob came courting the fair Elizabeth and the love affair between them became serious, papa Franklin objected, possibly because Jacob did not have enough of this world's goods, but he had a stout heart and a good trade, so they defied parental objection and Elizabeth eloped with her young lover. They were married and lived happily ever afterward. Jacob then established himself at Wakefield, a beautiful and prosperous part of Carroll County where they lived for several years, until they accumulated enough to buy a home in Marston, then Jewsburg, near New Windsor. It was situated on the Old Liberty road and was an important lane of travel from the South and East to Frederick and the West. It proved to be a fine location for his particular line of business. I have seen the old shop many times and a year or so ago when I passed thro' there it was still standing (1933). It always brought to my mind the familiar lines of the poet Longfellow:

"Under a spreading Chestnut tree,
The village smithy stands,"

tho' I do not think it was a chestnut tree that shaded it. Jacob Wilt was born 1791 and died October 27th, 1873, aged 82 years. Elizabeth Franklin, daughter of Charles, was born August 31, 1795, was married to Jacob Wilt, not earlier than 1818, I should judge, and died October 2nd, 1856, aged 61 years, 2 months, 21 days. The children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Franklin) Wilt, were: Sarah Elizabeth, Catherine (Kitty), Eliza Jane (Jane), Susan, Thompsie, Margaret

VanBuren, Perry, George and John. After the death of Jacob in 1873, his eldest son John Wesley Wilt, still continued the smithy there, together with farming and other business until his death in 1895 and now his son John David and family have retired from a nearby farm to occupy the old Homestead. It was remodeled in the son's (John Wesley's) time. Grandfather Buckingham, then his brother-in-law, had the contract.

I will now continue to give a record, as far as I can, of the ten Wilt children. Catherine Ann Wilt was born April 10th, 1820. Was married first to Henry H. Roberts, January 26th, 1841. Henry died February 5th, 1853, aged 37 years, 14 days, and later Catherine married John H. Uhler, December 20th, 1855. She died November 8th, 1861, leaving six children by her first husband and there were children by the second husband but I only know one. Her name was Ella Uhler. The Roberts children were: Frank, Virginia, (Jennie), Henry Stewart, Katherine (Kate), Walter and San Salvadore. He always went by the name of "Sannie." I remember having seen him only once. He had what was then called white swelling or hip disease. He walked quite lame and died in young manhood. Frank married Mary Creswell. Their children were: Virginia, Josiah, Ruth, Christie, Harry, Katherine, David and Samuel. Virginia first married John B. Saylor of Westminster, by whom she had one son John B., Jr., who is in the Navy. Mr. Saylor died and she afterward married E. Lee Erb, connected with a bank in Detour, now living in Westminster. Joseph married Rosa Ensor, now deceased. Has a family of sons and daughters. I believe they live in Frederick. Ruth married to Charles Yingling of Baltimore. They have one son, Roberts (Bob). Christie married Clarence Edwards, connected with the Western Maryland R. R. He died leaving her with three children, Francis, Barbara and Joseph. She afterward married Edward Case of Westminster, in real estate business. Harry never married, died a young man. Katharine married Frank T. Butler, employed for years in the office of the Western Maryland R. R. in Westminster. They have one daughter, Mary Rebecca.

H. Stewart Roberts married Miss Ella Englar of Wakefield or Medford. They had two daughters. Bertha married a Mr. Weybright and the younger daughter is Bessie. Mrs. Weybright died recently, leaving two daughters, Eilene and ——. The family lives near Washington and the daughters attend Western Maryland College. Stewart, for quite a number of years conducted a general store at Medford, very successfully, later moving to Westminster and forming the partnership of Roberts, Roop and Englar, Milling Co. of Westminster. Stewart died very suddenly and comparatively young, his wife following some years later. Bessie continued to live in Westminster until after the death of her aunt, Miss Alice Englar, who had made her home with her, when she sold her property to Dr. Garey and went to Washington to make her home with her sister's family. Virginia (Jennie), married a Mr. Naille and died young leaving no children. Katherine (Kate), married Charles Stevenson, son of Thomas Stevenson of near Westminster. They had a son, Arthur, now deceased and several daughters. She followed her husband in death at their home, near Frizellburg. Walter married a Miss Brown and had several children. They made their home in Baltimore and are now deceased.

Sarah Elizabeth Wilt, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Franklin) Wilt, was born May 2nd, 1822 and married Leonard Jackson Buckingham, first of year, 1845. The offspring of this marriage was ten children and all grew to adult age, except one little girl. Sarah E. died January 26th, 1892, aged 69 years, 8 months, 24 days, of what was then considered a new disease called LaGrippe, then said to have originated in Russia, probably, just as in World War times, it was said the "Flu" was spread over here by the Germans. Grandfather was very ill at the same time with the same disease. They did not expect either of them to recover, but he got well and lived about 21 years. after that. Their children were: Hannah Elizabeth, born September 17th, 1845, married to Rezin Franklin Albert in 1861 and died November 30th, 1884 of typhoid fever, aged 39 years, 2 months, 13 days, leaving a family of four boys and five girls. Her husband had preceded her in death just two years before, of the same disease, which was so prevalent thro' the country for a

number of years. Their children were: Nathan McClellan, Millie Ellen, Vannie Jane, Harry Thomas, Jessie Viola, Carroll Pierce, Arthur Guy, Grace Estelle and Elsie Deane. Their record is written in the Albert section.

John Wesley Wilt, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Franklin) Wilt, was born February 6th, 1824. Was married to Elizabeth A. Franklin, daughter of Nathan Franklin of Franklin District, December 28th, 1864. She was born September 9th, 1846. John Wesley died February 28th, 1895, aged 71 years, 22 days. But Elizabeth lived a good many years after that. It must have been close to 1930 when she passed away. She was about a year younger than our mother and cousin once removed, but by marriage became her aunt. That's rather a family mixup. John Wesley had remained a bachelor until he was forty years old. Then he married his cousin who was quite pretty but much younger than himself. He had lived all his life in the house in which he was born and which is now owned by his son John. John W. Wilt's wife Elizabeth was also a first cousin to our father, being a daughter of Nathan, who was a brother to his mother. Now what relation were John and Elizabeth's children to Rezin Franklin and Hannah Albert's children? That is some problem, so figure it out for yourself. Their children were: Howard, Ella May, John D. and A. Claude Wilt. Howard Franklin Wilt was born February 10th, 1866, went to the West Coast when quite a young man and settled in Seattle, Wash., where he established a merchandise business, married and has children but I can't give any particulars of his family. Ella May was born May 6th, 1870, married to Holly Willett of Medford, where they lived on a fine farm for several years, until he met with a very sad accident, being struck by a train at a railroad crossing near his home, leaving his widow and two little girls, Ethel and Hattie. Ella then sold her farm and with the little girls moved to Westminster, where she educated her children and died June 24th, 1934, aged 64 years, 1 month, 18 days. Ethel married Leroy Sellman, a farmer of near Westminster, and they have one daughter Janet, now grown. Hattie has never married and teaches in the Frederick schools. is rated as a splendid teacher. John David was born June 15th, 1875, married a Miss Franklin and is living on the Old Wilt Homestead. They raised quite a family of sons and daughters. Grandmother Wilt's three brothers, John, George and Perry each had a son John. Abner Claude was born November 2nd, 1877, married to Miss Rhoda Bloom. They have a son John III. They have always lived in Unionville, where he has been engaged in business, now I think his son John is associated with him.

George Washington Wilt was born March 25th, 1826. Was married to Christianna Kitzmiller, November 11th, 1849. I can only name two of his children John and Catherine. He and his family all went West to the State of Iowa, along about the late 70's. Have no record of his death.

Perry Green Wilt was born March 7th, 1828, and was married to Tabitha Ann Hood of Hoods Mills, August 19th, 1851. I think Aunt Tabitha Ann (Buckingham) Summers was named for his wife. Their children were: Charles, George and John. John has lived in Pittsburgh for a long time, is married and has one daughter, Olive. I believe Perry resided all his life in Franklin District and there raised his family.

Thompsie Wilt was born June 7th, 1830, was married to William J. Mitten March 18th, 1852. William was a brother of Henry Mitten, father of John H. Mitten, familiarly known as "Uncle Johnny" of "Sentinel" and "Westminster Times" fame, who at the time of his death at the age of 88 years was rated the oldest active printer in the country. His picture had recently been published in the newspapers throughout the country telling of the fact. He had only been off the job a few days before death claimed him. Thompsie and William had seven sons and one little daughter, namely: William, Harry, Frank, Jesse, Theodore, John, Morris, George and Gertrude. The little Gertrude died of diphtheria when she was but seven years of age. William married and settled in Baltimore County. Has descendants in New Jersey and probably in Maryland. Harry married and has held a responsible position at McDonogh school for boys, where he has lived for many, many years. He and his wife are still living and have three sons, also grandchildren. Frank married Georgia Cassell, daughter of Reuben Cassell of West Main Street, and greatniece to the Cassell ladies who founded the "Cassell Home". They set-

tled in Gettysburg and had one daughter, Pauline, married to a Mr. Rogers and they have a son and a daughter, I believe. Jesse married but died young and left no family. Morris was married to Minnie Magin of Westminster. He died in middle age, leaving his widow and one daughter, Elizabeth. He had learned the baking trade and been in the business all his life, which he conducted very successfully. The daughter graduated at Western Maryland College and is now vice-principal of Union Bridge High School. She is married to Carl Merrill, who also attended Western Maryland College. Have no children. Theodore married Mary Magin of Westminster. The two brothers' wives are sisters and they each had one daughter, but they have no grandchildren. Theodore and Mary's daughter is named Ethel. She is a special teacher (Commercial) in the Taneytown High School and is married to A. L. Loy, who is in business in Westminster. George married and settled in Canada, but quite frequently returned to visit his former boyhood home. He died in Canada, shortly after a visit to his Maryland home. I think he had very few descendants. I believe Harry and Theodore are the only two of the Mitten boys still living.

Eliza Jane Wilt was born September 15, 1834; was first married to Isaac Cooke, son of Peter and Mary (Polly Franklin) Cooke. He died November 15, 1858, aged 36 years, three months and fourteen days, leaving no issue. She afterward married Joshua Willis Sellman, son of Joshua Sellman, Sr., and Matilda (Nelson) Sellman and grandson of Vachel and Eleanor (Gill) Sellman of Baltimore County. Eleanor Gill was from Black Rock, Baltimore County and Vachel was one of the leading farmers in that section. Vachel and Eleanor's daughter, Sarah Sellman married Samuel McMurray who was a brother of Anne McMurray married to John Little, prominent in affairs of Freedom District and John and Anna were the grandparents of my husband, Samuel L. Little, thus making my children related to the Sellman boys on both their mother's and father's side, for Joshua and (Eliza) Jane (Wilt Cooke) Sellman had two sons. They were: Harry Willis and Louis McMurray, both popular young men of their day. Their father followed merchandising and farming. Harry was stricken with typhoid fever in the fall of 1881 and died at the age of 19 years, much lamented by a host of friends and it was a very great blow to his parents. They didn't seem to know then how to take care of that disease, like they do now and there were not many nurses and hospitals like there are at the present day. They were almost afraid then to give them a drink of cold water, now they require them to drink a great deal of water and bathe their bodies with ice water, every few hours, when the temperature is very high. Harry and Louis were both educated in the public schools and at Western Maryland College. Harry also attended Professor Buell's private seminary for a year before entering Western Maryland College. He was a student at the latter when he was taken with his last illness in October, 1881, from which as I have said he did not recover. Louis was born at Warfieldsburg, near Westminster in August, 1864, married in 1887 to Miss Verdie Jean, of Harrisonville, Baltimore County, a teacher in Baltimore City schools and by whom he had one son (Louis) Jean Sellman, married and now living at the Jean Homestead at Harrisonville. After a few short years, when Jean was just a small child, the wife and mother (Verdie) died. After a few years, Louis married Miss May Dittus of Baltimore City. Some years ago she died, leaving her husband, who is still living in Baltimore, but no children. Louis has spent most of his life in offices of political preferment, either state or Federal. I think he is now in the employ of the state.

Susanna Wilt, was born April 15th, 1832, was married to John Cooke, February 9th, 1854. Died February 16, 1880, aged 47 years, 10 months, 1 day. Eliza Jane and Susanna Wilt married brothers. They were sons of Peter and (Mary) Polly (Franklin) Cooke. Isaac and John Cooke were first cousins to my father and the two girls they married were aunts to my mother, besides the Franklin relationship running thro' the families of all concerned. John and Susan (Wilt) Cooke's children were: Lewis, Isabel, Mary Elizabeth, India, Bertha and Davis. There were twin girls that died in babyhood. One of them was named Vannie (after its aunt, Vannie Stem). Lewis and Isabel

both married, but died leaving no children. Mary Elizabeth was married first to John Eisenhart, of York. After his death she married a Mr. Hicks and died, leaving the following children, all by her first husband: John, Jr., Margaret Lavinia (named also for her aunt Margaret VanBuren Stem), Albert and Lewis. John, Jr., died April 11th, 1933, leaving two children, Margaret and John, III. About the ages of ten and twelve, respectively. John, III is in a Boys' School and I think the little girl is with the mother. Margaret Lavinia (Maggie) is the little girl mentioned in another space as having been reared by her Uncle David and Aunt Vannie Stem and was married Thanksgiving Day, November 30th, 1905, to Arthur Guy Albert. Albert and Lewis both married and have small families. Live in Baltimore City. India married Albert Franklin. Lives in Baltimore. Have only one son, named George. I am trying to bring this unsatisfactory record down to the present time, so that it will not be much trouble to continue it on thro' the now living generations. Bertha married Frank Compton. They live in Baltimore. They have one daughter Frances married to Arthur Neild. They have a little son, Compton (Compie) and are in business in Baltimore. Davis married and has been living for years in Virginia, and has four children. The Cooke children were born in Carroll County. I failed to mention Susanna's eldest daughter, Charlotte. She became the first wife of Uncle David's half brother, Joseph T. Stem. He was employed in the store of his brother David for quite a while. Later buying a store at Dennings, on the Liberty road and going into the general merchandising business for himself. He was quite successful. He also had a nice farm there which his son David now occupies. They had a family of nine children. Their children were: Almer, Aubrey, Etta, Maude, David H., Pauline, Florence, Grace and Carroll. Almer went to New York and married a lady of that city. Aubrey married Miss Grace Frizzell, daughter of Wm. Y. Frizzell, and has for years, been a merchant at Winfield. They have two sons, Aubrey and William. Etta married Thomas Wedge of the firm of Vickery & Wedge of Baltimore, where she went to live. They have three children. One boy, Thomas, and twin girls, Etta and Emily. Maude married Marshall Nusbaum, a retired farmer of Sam's Creek, as his second wife. They have no children. David H., a farmer of Dennings, married Miss Nellie Jones, of Detroit. A teacher there, in the city schools. She died a few years ago, leaving him with two dear little girls. The eldest of whom, Charlotte, graduated from the Westminster high school, but was never strong, and passed away in the late summer of 1933. The other daughter, Laura, went to Detroit with her mother's people, to be reared and educated. David had been in failing health for a long time and he passed away late in 1935. I think Florence and Pauline Rice both took up nursing in the Baltimore hospitals. Florence has never married.

Grace, married George DeVries, of Eldersburg, son of John O. and Emily Wadlow DeVries of Freedom Dist. They have a daughter Emily, and also a son, Harry. Sister Elsie was one of the bridesmaids at Grace's wedding.

Carroll, the youngest son, married Miss Effie Frizzell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Frizzell, of Mt. Airy. Carroll and his wife also reside at the latter place.

Margaret VanBuren Wilt was born September 22, 1837, was married to David Engel Stem, April 29, 1862 and died March 29, 1910, aged 72 years, 6 months and 7 days. The children of this union were: Jacob Ezra (part of his grandfather's name), Margaret Alice and Hilda Pauline. There were some children who died in infancy, but cannot give a record of them. Jacob Ezra was born in 1863 and was educated in a Baltimore business school. He was employed for a time as book-keeper for the Lumber, Coal & Supply Co., and later was Teller in the Westminster Deposit & Trust Co., of which his father was then president. He was twice married. First to Miss Louise Parsons of Salisbury, who died young, leaving her husband and one little girl, Marguerite Louise, who was taken to her grandmother Stem's home, where she was the "Pet" of the family for several years, until her father's second marriage, when her father took her to his home again. She was a graduate of Western Maryland College, took special courses in Chicago and other schools, and received her degree, and is now Superintendent of a special branch of Education

in the Baltimore City schools. Her father entered into wedlock the second time, and married Mrs. Lillian N. (Friss) Cooke, mentioned in the Cooke history. By this marriage there were two sons, David Ezra, who was married to Gertrude Stultz and has a position with the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. of Baltimore. He was trained in a business school. James Everett Stem, the second son was educated in the Harrisburg Academy, and the Bliss Electrical School of Washington, and was married to Virginia Bullock of New Windsor. Neither David nor Everett have any children. Ezra died a few years ago, leaving his widow and the three children mentioned: Marguerite Louise, David Ezra and James Everett. The first two still reside under the family roof-tree, with the mother, on East Main street.

Margaret Alice, educated at Springfield Institute, a boarding school conducted by the Misses Beach, at Sykesville, (the section called Springfield) and Western Maryland College, always lived at home with her parents and though she has always had plenty of friends and admirers, she has never chosen to depart from "single blessedness" and since the death of her mother and father, she and brother Arthur and Maggie, his wife, (the little boy and girl mentioned elsewhere as being reared in her father's home) have always remained together and now reside on E. Green street, Westminster. She and Mr. Albert Dudderar, a friend of long standing, still continue to be fast friends.

Hilda Pauline, the younger daughter, also attended Springfield Institute and Western Maryland College, and married George E. Matthews, son of Charles E. and Harriet Allgire Matthews. George was a prominent business man of Westminster and in partnership with Frank T. Myers (Matthews & Myers) conducted the wallpaper and window shade business for years. He retired from business a few years ago and has since been the efficient Mayor of the city of Westminster. They have two daughters: Margaret Louise and Helen Kerr Matthews. Louise at one time taught in the Westminster high school. She also attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music. She is a great church worker, and so far has never married. Helen Kerr, born in August, 1901. Educated at the Westminster high school. and was married to Jesse L. Smith, by whom she had two children, Harriet Jane and Frank Matthews Smith. Hilda, husband and family still live in the same home in Westminster, to which she was brought as a bride, and which I believe, was a gift from her father.

BUCKINGHAM

The Buckingham family came from Buckingham Manor, Buckinghamshire, England. Our grandfather told us the following story of his ancestors: Two younger brothers of the Duke of Buckingham came to America toward the latter part of the 17th century and settled in Baltimore county. One of the brothers was the father of Obadiah Buckingham I. making him the great-grandfather of Leonard Jackson Buckingham and his brothers and sisters, who were the children of Obadiah, II. If he gave his name I cannot recall it. The Duke was continually mixed up in politics, intrigues, etc. In the persecution of the Huguenots, he was expedited to aid the Protestant cause. He was finally impeached, later freed and was afterward killed by an assassin in the 17 century. The political ministry that he was serving under, was called the Cabal Ministry. Buckingham Palace afterward became the property of the English Crown. He said his ancestors had the necessary papers proving their identity and relationship, but their home burned with everything in it and they lost all their papers. Obadiah II was the son of Obadiah I, son of ——— Buckingham, a younger brother of the Duke, was the way grandfather told it.

Obadiah Buckingham II, son of Obadiah Sr., was born October 12, 1792, was married to Hannah Gorsuch, (8th generation in descent from John and Anne (Lovelace) Gorsuch, who was the daughter of Sir William Lovelace of Kent), and died July 12, 1862, aged 69 years, 9 months, and he and his wife Hannah, lie buried in the cemetery of Mt. Pleasant M. E. church at Gamber, or Mechanicsville. Md. I can only mention the following sisters of Obadiah Buckingham II, there may have been others. They were: Anne, married to Nathan Gorsuch II, Apparilla, married to Basil Hayden, a lineal descendant of the Hayden family that came over in the Ark and the Dove with Lord Bal-

timore, and settled in St. Mary's county. Basil was the grandson of John Hayden, who on March 17, 1768 removed from St. Mary's county to within a mile of Westminster and purchased a tract of land called "Friendship Completed." The town of Westminster had been founded in 1764. I can only mention one of the children of Basil and Apparilla (Buckingham) Hayden, and that is the son, William. William N. Hayden, born September 23, 1817, married Miss Eugenia Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Upton Scott, in 1859. In the fall of 1867 William N. Hayden was elected for the term of 15 years as an associate Judge of the Circuit Court for the 5th Judicial Dist. composed of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel counties. One of Apparilla's sisters was married to John Baumgartner, the first Register of Wills for the new county of Carroll. Thus, I have enumerated four of the children of Obadiah I: Apparilla, married to Basil Hayden, the one that married John Baumgartner, Obadiah, that married Hannah Gorsuch and Anne who married Nathan Gorsuch II. Anne and Obadiah II married brother and sister. Anne died young, leaving two small children, Nathan Isaiah, and Lovelace Mortimer, who were raised by relatives.

The inter-relationship of the Gorsuch, Buckingham and Franklin families ran all down the line in the Rezin Franklin Albert family, for the Franklin and Gorsuch line ran down through my father's family and the Gorsuch, Buckingham and Franklin line ran through the family on our mother's side, making a double relationship right through our branch of the Albert family. Our great-grandfather, Obadiah Buckingham II had some brothers, for I know grandfather had some cousins named Buckingham, one of whom was Alfred W. Buckingham, a retired teacher of Westminster. I think his father's name was ~~Henry~~ of Franklin Dist. Miss Mary Buckingham, who for years made her home with Mrs. Emily A. Herr, another relative, was also a relative to grandfather on the Buckingham side. She told me about the relationship once but I did not write it down, and now cannot recall it.

I think I will give the meager history that I have of the family of Obadiah, Senior, before I go on with that of Obadiah II, which includes our grandfather. Anne, most probably born in the 1780's, though I do not have the record, was married to Nathan Gorsuch, II. He was born in 1784. Their children were Lovelace Mortimer and Nathan Isaiah. The latter was born in 1820. Anne and Nathan II both died young, leaving their two small children mentioned above, who were brought up by relatives. Lovelace became a very successful manufacturer of Frostburg and died leaving no children. Nathan III, became a prominent business man and churchman of Westminster, and established the N. I. Gorsuch grain warehouse and flouring mill. Years later adding Son to it, making it N. I. Gorsuch & Son, which firm was in successful operation for many years. Charles C. Gorsuch, was the son. Nathan Isaiah was born 1820, married twice, his wives being sisters. The first wife was Emmaline Crout, she died leaving one little girl, Emily A. Gorsuch, later on, he married the sister, Louisa Crout and she had one son, Charles Crout Gorsuch. Louisa died in 1905 and Nathan, her husband had died in 1902. Emily Ann, daughter of Nathan I. and Emmaline (Crout) Gorsuch was born 1845. She was the granddaughter of Anne Buckingham and Nathan Gorsuch II, and our mother was the granddaughter of Hannah Gorsuch, sister of Nathan II and who was married to Obadiah Buckingham II, who was a brother of Anne, making Emily A. Gorsuch and Hannah E. Buckingham, double second cousins, and they were both born in the same year. Emily Ann, was twice married, her first husband being Captain Henry Buckingham, by whom she had three children, two sons and a daughter. The captain died when the children were small, so Emily and the children came to live at her father's home on East Main Street, which home later came into her possession and which in later years was considerably enlarged and remodeled. Her second husband was Col. Samuel K. Herr, of the firm of Herr Bros., (Samuel K. and Frank K.) well known carriage manufacturers of Westminster. Both husbands preceded her in death. She was a very public spirited woman and had always taken a keen interest in all public and civic affairs and was very prominent in church work. She was a fine public speaker, and took a prominent part in the activities of the day. Her children were: Roy, Emory Gor-

such, and Mary Test, all children of the first husband. Roy, the eldest, died at the age of twelve. Emory G. was born 1878, and educated at Western Maryland College. Was married to Miss Caroline Beall, of Frostburg. He has long been in business in Baltimore. Has no children. The daughter, Mary Test, was born in 1880, graduated from Western Maryland College in 1899. Attended Peabody Conservatory of Music and took a special course for pipe organ. Has been organist for Centenary M. E. church practically ever since and has a reputation as a fine organist. Is very popular with the choir and congregation as well. She also plays for many musical affairs of the city. In 1908 she was married to Harry M. Kimmey, farmer and canner. They had a beautiful wedding in Centenary M. E. church. Revs. Harold M. Rider and Charles H. Richardson, D. D., were the officiating clergymen. Harry later became interested in politics and was appointed for the third term as Postmaster for Westminster, twice by President Coolidge and once by President Hoover. Had only served a small portion of his last term when he was stricken with a fatal heart illness, from which he did not rally. His wife, Mary Test, was then appointed and served one year and a part of the second on his unexpired term, until his successor was appointed. They had one son, Henry Buckingham Kimmey, who recently graduated from Western Maryland College and has taken a position with the Gas & Electric Co. of Westminster. Emily A., the mother of Mary Test, had always resided in the home which had been her father's, from the time of her first widowhood, until her death in August, 1928, aged nearly 84 years. Her death was hastened by a fall on the stairs. She was much missed in the church and community. Mary Test and her family also have resided in the Old Homestead for the greater part of her life. She has now had it converted into an apartment house, one of which she and her son occupy. So the "Old Home" has housed several generations of the same family.

Charles Crout Gorsuch, grandson of Anne Buckingham, and son of Nathan and Louisa Crout Gorsuch, was born 1851. Was a prominent business man of Westminster and New York, and quite successful. He was twice married; first to Mary Jane Conkling, February 10, 1876. Their living children were: Harry, born 1876, Helen, born 1881, and Mary Agnes, born 1885. Harry married Elsie Johnson, have daughter, Iris. Helen married John Caldwell, of Frostburg, now deceased. Have one daughter, Mary Gorsuch, now a student at Western Maryland College. Mary Agnes, born 1885, educated at Western Maryland College, married, first to George Jackson, of Philadelphia in 1904. They had one daughter, Catherine Gorsuch Jackson, born 1905. Mary was afterward married to John Torok, a Bishop in the P. E. church. Charles Crout Gorsuch was married later in life to Mrs. Mary Hook Beaver.

Apparilla, married Basil Hayden about 1807. They were the parents of William N. Hayden, Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit of Maryland. Basil had learned the trade of hat making and removed from his father's farm to Westminster about the time of his marriage in 1807, and carried on the business of manufacturing hats for many years. His grand-nephew, N. H. Baumgartner, now lives in a part of the building that has been remodeled into a dwelling.

David ~~Henry~~ Buckingham, of Franklin District, father of Alfred W. Buckingham, who for many years was a prominent teacher in the schools of Westminster, must have been a son of Obadiah, the elder. For I have heard my grandfather say that he and Alfred were first cousins. Alfred married Miss Martha Hood, of Mt. Airy. Their children were: Etta, who died young. Alberta, the wife of Dr. Grafton Day, of Collingswood, N. J.; Wilbur, married to Bertha ————; Mabel, wife of Rev. George Leroy White, of Ohio; Rachel, a Westminster high school teacher; Blanche, married to a Mr. Hipsley; George Hood, married to Juan Garzia, of Mexico. Had one daughter, Rita, who married E. L. Kauffman, Jr. She is now deceased. Eleanor, married to Robert C. Ebaugh, who died young leaving his wife and two children, Robert and Eleanor. Fred married Miss Myrtle Blaney and has a family. Mildred, married a Mr. Lippincott, of Philadelphia.

I will now relate something of the children of Obadiah and Hannah (Gorsuch) Buckingham. Leonard Jackson, Thomas, Henry O., Margaret Ellen, Oliver, Mary Jane, Dennis and Eliza Ann.

Leonard Jackson, was born February 3, 1821, on his father's farm in Baltimore county. Was married to Sarah Elizabeth Wilt, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Franklin) Wilt, of New Windsor Dist. He was a carpenter by trade and a farmer by choice. Sarah E. was born May 2, 1822. They resided for the greater part of their lives, before grandmother's death, on a farm near Denning's, in the same Dist. She died January 26, 1892, and grandfather then being left alone by her death, retired and made his home with his two daughters, Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Robertson, spending part time with each. He died July 13, 1911, aged 90 years, 5 months and 10 days. Their children were: Hannah Elizabeth, John, Cecelia, Tabitha Ann, Charles F., Eliza Jane, Jacob T., Margaret Adeline, Grace and Sarah Irene. On their farm near Dennings they raised their ten children, or rather I should say nine, for little Grace met with a very sad accident when she was about four, falling into a bucket of hot water which her older sister had just put down, when she came running up and fell into it. The little thing later died from the effects of the burns. She was about my age, but all I can remember of her, is when I saw her in bed after the accident. Rezin and his wife are both buried in the Stone Chapel churchyard.

Hannah Elizabeth, (our mother) born September 17, 1845, married to Rezin Franklin Albert in 1861, a lineal descendant of Josiah Franklin, the father of Benjamin, the inventor, philosopher and statesman. They had nine children, four boys and five girls. Hannah died November 30, 1884, leaving the nine children orphans. The most of them being of tender years. The father having died about two years earlier, October 19, 1882. They both had typhoid fever, and complications. The record of Hannah's children is given under the Albert family.

John, born about 1847, married to Miss Martha Crumbacker, of New Windsor. Died some years ago in Pennsylvania, where he was then living, leaving his wife and sons. Two I think. I do not think there were any girls. One of the sons was named Jesse.

Cecelia, born about 1849. She learned the millinery business which she conducted successfully for a number of years in Sykesville. In those days that business was quite a large branch of merchandising, as a milliner then was required to know how to make and fit hats, frames, etc., as well as the art of trimming, combining of colors and a lot of things. In these days hats come ready made and trimmed ready to wear. She was married to Mortimer (Mort) J. McDonald, of Sykesville, a prominent merchant of the McDonald Bros. firm. There were three McDonald Bros.; John, who married a Miss Blake, of Baltimore; Mortimer, Cecelia's husband and Thomas, who died in young manhood, unmarried. Neither of the other brothers lived to be very much up in years, but their two sisters, Misses Kate and Mary are still living at Sykesville and are quite aged now. Cecelia died in October 1884, aged about 35 years. She left her husband and a little son about six months old, who shortly followed his mother in death. His name was William. Her husband some years later, married again. After a few years he died leaving a young widow and two small children. Cecelia, husband and son lie buried in St. Joseph's cemetery at Sykesville, adjoining the church of that name, of which they were members.

Tabitha Ann, born April 11, 1851, was married to Dr. James Polk Summers, son of John Boyd, Esq., and Eliza Ann Summers, of Warfieldsburg, near Westminster, in 1869. She suffered a stroke of paralysis in May of 1934 and was confined to her bed thereafter, until death claimed her in April, 1935, just a day or two after her 84th birthday. Her speech was not impaired and her mind was clear during the whole time of her illness. She was one of the dearest persons and had such a sweet and lovely disposition, and was that way during all her illness. The Dr., her husband, died of pneumonia, January, 1892. Their two daughters and three sons were: Minnie Luella, Daisy Deane, Harry Boyd, James Edgar and Louis Greenwell. Minnie was born January 13, 1870. Educated in the public schools, and the State Normal at Towson and for a time taught in the schools of the county. She was married to John Snader, a farmer of Sam's Creek, where they have since resided. They have one grown daughter, Louise, at home. John is now deceased, 1936.

Daisy was married when very young to William Townshend, a traveling salesman, of Baltimore. He only lived a few years. Died on one of his trips, after being seized with an attack of acute indigestion, leaving his attractive wife with one little girl Gladys. He was a man of splendid physique and a fine personality. Some years later Daisy married a Mr. Benton, connected with a tobacco commission house in Baltimore. He was considerably older than Daisy and did not live many years. She remained a widow for quite a while and later was married to a Mr. Betz of Baltimore, connected with a wholesale drug firm. After a few years, he too, passed away. Daisy was still a very attractive woman and much beloved. She too, like her mother, possessed a very sweet disposition. She was then only in early middle life, and a few years later she was suddenly taken ill with pneumonia, to which she soon succumbed, much lamented by her family and a wide circle of friends, leaving only the one daughter Gladys, and three grandchildren. The daughter had been married for some years to Roy Shriner, of Baltimore. When my son George was connected with the Baltimore Sun, he lived with them in their home for several years. I think another daughter has been added to Gladys' family since Daisy's death.

Harry Boyd, born about 1874 or '75, was educated in the public schools and a Baltimore business school and was married to Bessie Snader, (the sister of Minnie's husband). He has been connected with the merchandising business practically all his life. For quite a number of years with A. J. Stem, of Winfield. They have three daughters: Fern, Beryl and Jean. Fern is married to Oswald Baker, an automobile salesman, of Washington. They have two fine boys, Thomas and Boyd. They have their home in Washington. (Oswald was killed last week in an automobile accident, September, 1936.) Beryl attended the Westminster high school and afterward took hospital training in Baltimore, where she graduated in nursing. She has never married but she certainly has traveled over the country a great deal, in a professional capacity. She is only about as "big as a minute" but she surely has a lot of pep in her small body. Jean, the baby of the family is a student in the Westminster high school.

James Edgar, the bachelor son, has lived at home with his mother for the most of his life.

Louis Greenwell attended the Westminster high school and later a business school in Baltimore and had a fine position in the city. He was married to Miss Agnes Harkness, but in a few short years his health failed, and he died very young, leaving his young wife but no children. Is buried in the churchyard at Stone Chapel, near Westminster, where his father and mother now too, lie buried.

Charles Fillmore, the second son of the family, was born about 1853, on his father's farm in New Windsor Dist. He went West when a young man and settled at West Milton, Miami County, Ohio. It is not far from the Indiana State line. He has visited his old home in the East, but not in recent years I believe. He married Miss Louisa Penney of his adopted state and they had ten children, only five of whom are living. Four boys and one girl, and there were four girls and one boy that died very young. The living children, are: Lewis, Clara, Russell, Edward and Milton. Lewis and Russell are both farmers. Lewis and Dessie have four boys and four girls. Clara is married to Martin Kitson. They have five boys and two girls. The girls are Ethel and Thelma. Cannot name the boys. Edward and Mina have three girls, Mary, Ruth and Kathleen. Milton has six girls and two boys. Russell and Tressie have two boys, one of whom is Kenneth. He and Betty, his wife, have one little son. Charlie is 84. Has great-grandchildren, I visited them in September, 1935, when returning from my trip to the Coast. They had a reunion of the Buckingham families at Uncle Charles' home on Sunday, September 8. There was quite a crowd there. They wanted me to meet the relatives, and as my stay was necessarily short, they thought that would be about the best plan for me to meet them. I was very glad to meet them all, but I cannot begin to remember all the grandchildren's names. Uncle Charlie has had a slight stroke of paralysis, but he doesn't show it in his walk. Shortly after I had returned home I received word that his wife had

died very suddenly, when they were getting ready to retire. She seemed to be as well as usual when I was there. Her death left the husband entirely alone, so he made sale of his personal effects, rented his property and is now making his home with his son, Milton.

Jacob T., named for his grandfather Wilt, was the youngest son of Leonard and Sarah (Wilt) Buckingham, and was born on his father's farm, near Dennings, in New Windsor Dist., Sept. 15, 1856. Went West, like his brother Charlie, when a young man. There he met Miss Mary Belle Penney, a sister to his brother Charles' wife, whom he married September 5, 1884, and settled on a farm near Greenville, O., which is the county seat of Darke county. Here they continued to live until their two daughters, Hattie and Flossie, and their one son Jesse, were all grown and married, when they bought a town property and retired to Greenville, where he continued to live until 1934 when he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy and it was only a short time until he passed away, May 21, 1934, leaving his wife and three children. Hattie was married to Harley Laughman, a young farmer of Salvona, O., where they now live. Had such a nice visit with them when visiting Ohio. They have a son Roy, and a daughter Onda. Roy married Miss Marie Campbell, and they have a bright little son, Jay. Roy is in the automobile business in Greenville, and has a residence on 4th street. Also visited in their home. Greenville contains the site where General Anthony Wayne—called "Mad Anthony" for his reckless daring—made his famous treaty with the Indians, for the Ohio territory. There is a large granite stone on Main St. in memory of the occasion. The face of it has been smoothed off and inscribed with the proper inscription, commemorating the event. Onda, the daughter, attended and graduated at the Madison high school and married Clinton Harter, who is also a young farmer, where they now live, near Madison. I visited and took dinner with them on my visit in September. Had a very pleasant time. They have a fine little son Robert, (Bobbie). Flossie, the second daughter of Jacob and Mary Belle Buckingham, was married to a Mr. Wicke. They had seven children, and her home is in Columbus, O. I met Flossie, daughter Ruth and son Carl, wife and two little sons. Then there are Hazel, Velma, Mary, and two others. Carl, with his family are residents of Greenville. The son, Jesse, is married and they have three sons who are now going through high school. They have a farm near Laura, O., on which they live. The sons are Clifford, Eugene and Doane. His mother and I enjoyed the day which we spent in their home very much. My visit in Greenville was rather short, in fact, only from Thursday evening until Monday evening, but was on the go all the time and I think I got to see most of the relatives. Uncle Jacob, of course, had passed away and I was stopping with his widow and she and her family saw to it that I got to see my mother's other relatives, her brother Charlie and his children's families. The name of Buckingham bids fair to be carried on in that part of the country. I had taken a trip to San Francisco in June, 1935, to visit my son Harry and wife, and after a wonderful visit of two months there, I started homeward, stopping on the way in Colorado, to visit with Sister Jessie—Mrs. Bish—and her family, and then on to Moline, Ill., to visit sister Vannie, Mrs. Glasco, and her family. Then she and I took a bus trip to visit relatives of ours and of her husband in Urbana and Champaign, Ill. Then when I left Moline I went to Greenville, O., as I have before mentioned, to visit the families of two of mother's brothers, who had long ago adopted that state as their home. Aunt Belle and her grandson Roy met me at Union City, which is on the line between Indiana and Ohio, and after a lovely drive of twenty miles eastward, we reached her pleasant home in Greenville, to which place she and her husband retired when they left the farm, though she still retains possession of the farm. She now lives alone. At his death, May 21, 1934, Jacob was aged 77 years, 8 months and 6 days, and is buried in a beautiful cemetery at West Grove, O., near their farm home. They took me to see his grave and the family monument. From Greenville, I went on to Alliance, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oesch in Sebring, four miles from Alliance. Mr. Oesch met me at the station in Alliance and took me to their home, where I had a lovely visit until the next evening, when they took me back to Alliance, where I entrained for Baltimore and home, arriving there the next morning, September 12, just three

months and one day from the time I had left there for my western trip. The folks that I visited in Sebring were friends that we had made through Harry being employed by their firm, years ago, as a plumber. They surely did make my visit a very pleasant one. The same was the case among all the friends with whom I visited, and my son and his wife certainly tried to show me all of California that was possible. I have written a long story of my trip for the pleasure of my children, and so am merely referring to it here.

Eliza Jane (Pet) was born in 1858 and became the second wife of Jesse C. Robertson. His first wife being Miss Grace Horner, daughter of Alex. Horner, of Emmitsburg, but she died a short time after their marriage. Jesse was the son of Jeremiah and Anne (Smith) Robertson, who owned a large estate of five or six hundred acres near Spring Mills. After the father's death, four of the sons, James, David, Jesse and Washington divided the estate into four farms. Jesse got the one with the home buildings on it, and the others built their homes, but I do not think any of the sons retained the farms until the end of their lives. Jesse and his wife disposed of theirs to the eldest son Grier, and they lived for a time in Westminster, and later bought a home at Spring Mills, where they kept a store, after their children had all married and left home, except Olga, the youngest daughter. She too, shortly married and made a home of her own. I think it was in 1911, shortly after her father's death that "Pet" was stricken with a fatal illness and was removed from her home to a Baltimore hospital, where she shortly passed away, lamented by her family and a host of friends. Their children were: Grier, Grace, Jesse Price, Beulah, Anna and Olga. Grier was born on the farm as all the children were. Married Junie Richards, of Philadelphia. They took over the parents' farm at Spring Mills where they continued for a number of years, later removing to Baltimore. They had no children, but raised a boy, Winter Lantz, who has always made his home with them. Grace attended Westminster high school and Western Maryland College and was married to Guy Leister, a young farmer of Cranberry Valley. She died young, in a Baltimore hospital, from an attack of appendicitis, leaving her husband and two small children, Gerald Payne, the son, and a little daughter, Jane, I think. They are both now grown. Beulah attended the Westminster high school and learned millinery. She married Roy Ebaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster Ebaugh, a contractor and builder, of Westminster, and for several years has been Judge of the Orphans' Court. They have three girls living and one dear little girl, Evelyn, who died when quite small. The girls are: Martha, married to Frank R. Staes, an Episcopal Rector, serving a church in Canada. They have a little son, Donald. Frances, was born in Detroit, and attended the schools there, but graduated from the Westminster high school after her parents had removed from Detroit back to Westminster. After graduation she was employed in attorney Bruce T. Bair's office. Catherine "Kay", the youngest child was born in Detroit and is still in high school. Roy was a mechanic and he and Beulah had gone to Detroit to make their home when Martha was small and he was employed by the Ford factory as a body builder. They liked Detroit very much and bought a home there. After a number of years Roy's health began to fail very visibly, when they came back home, where it steadily continued to fail, until his death in the fall of 1933.

Beulah and the two girls continued to make their home with the father-in-law for quite a while, (Roy's mother having died just before they moved back home), when Frances was offered a good position in Detroit and Beulah decided they would go back, for they had lived there so long that it seemed like home.

(Jesse) Price was born early in 1885 I believe. Graduated from the Westminster high school, married a Miss Cover of York Roads, where he went into business and lived there for quite a while, but later on left there and at present, I believe is in Virginia.

Anna, a very sweet girl, graduated at Westminster high school, and was stricken with typhoid fever, to which she succumbed, when she was about 20.

Olga, the youngest child was born on the farm, in the latter part of the summer of 1895. She was married to Charles Royer, a farmer of the same place. Olga is first cousin to sister Jessie, and Charles, her husband, is first

cousin to Royer Bish, sister Jessie's husband. They have a son Robert, and a daughter Jane. They are both grown now, but they have moved and are making their home in Reisterstown.

Eliza Jane (Pet) lies buried in the churchyard at historic old Stone Chapel, on New Windsor Circuit.

Margaret Adeline, was born about 1861 and married to Noah F. Bowers, a farmer, son of Conrad Bowers, a prominent farmer of near Winfield. By this marriage there were two daughters, Bessie, who died when she was just growing into young womanhood. Cecelia, the second daughter, was married to Roy Bassler, son of J. J. Bassler, of the vicinity of Westminster. They had one daughter, now deceased. Some years later Cecelia married a Mr. Weber of Baltimore, and there is one son, Norman Weber. Addie and Noah, later in life, retired from the farm to their home at Mechanicsville, where they enjoyed a number of years of retired life, but both have now passed on. Addie died in 1932 and Noah a year or so before that, in 1931, I believe. They, with the eldest daughter, are buried in the cemtery adoining St. John's Catholic church in Westminster. Cecelia, with her son, still occupies her parents' home at Mechanicsville.

I have already spoken of the sad accident that caused Grace's death.

Sarah Irene, the youngest of the family, was given her mother's first name, and Hannah, the eldest child, also had Elizabeth as part of her name. Thus, the eldest and the youngest of the family each had one of their mothers given names, which was Sarah Elizabeth. Irene was born October 11, 1867, and when quite a young girl she went to Baltimore and learned the dress-making business with Miss Louise Harden, on Hoffman street near Madison avenue. She afterward remained with Miss Harden as cutter, for quite a few years. After her mother's death in 1892 which left her father alone, she came home to live, where she remained until the time of her marriage, September 8, 1896, to William Nicholas, a young man of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was of English parentage, having been born in Southampton, England, February 27, 1870, and came to this country with his parents in 1872. The parents settled in New Jersey, making their home at Vineland, N. J. He followed his trade (electrician) in New York City for a number of years, until his health failed and the doctor told him he would just have to give up and go to the country and take complete rest, to try to regain a measure of health, which he finally did. In the meantime they had acquired quite a bit of property, so they sold some of their city property and bought themselves a place in the country at Stanton, N. J., a village not very far from Flemington, Hunterdon county, but still retained some of their Brooklyn properties. William regained his health to a certain extent, after several years, but not enough to follow his trade. They have recently sold their property in Stanton, and have bought a home at Floral Park, Long Island, to which they removed in July of this year, 1936. They have no children. I had quite a nice visit with them in the summer of 1930. They took me to Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. That was the first time I had ever seen the ocean. I got quite a thrill out of it. It was fascinating to watch its changing moods. Of the ten children in my grandmother's family, only two are living. Irene of New Jersey, and Charles of Ohio. John, Hannah, Cecelia, and Eliza Jane (Pet) died comparatively young. Tabitha lived to be 84. Charlie is now 84. Pet's husband, Jesse Robertson is still living. He is eighty-two or three, I believe. Jesse married again after his wife's death, Mrs. Mollie Lowe, a widow. And he, with the present wife are still living in Westminster, to which place they removed from their home at Spring Mills. In my mother's family her three eldest children were older than her youngest sister, Irene, making brother Nathan myself and sister Vannie, the nephew and nieces, older than the aunt, when the reverse is usually the case.

Thomas, son of Obadiah II and Hannah Gorsuch Buckingham, was married to Miss Miranda Parrish, but did not live long. Is buried in the Mt. Pleasant churchyard at Mechanicsville. He left one daughter, Nellie. His widow afterward married a Mr. Barnes. He too died, leaving her a widow the second time. Henry married Julia Nelson, and they had three sons, Oba-

diah, James and Marshall, and resided on their farm in Freedom Dist. Obadiah II, the eldest son, was born October 9, 1855, and died in his sleep, January 9, 1936, aged 80 years, 3 months. He was a retired farmer. Irving, the son, is also a farmer. He married Virgie Shipley, daughter of Wilbur and Ella (Parrish) Shipley, as his second wife. Has a son, John Irving by first wife, and two daughters by second wife, Hilda and Betty Ellen. Obadiah was a lifelong member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. church and lies buried in the churchyard there. The county papers spoke of his funeral as being one of the most largely attended in the history of the church. James, the second son, married Catherine Criswell, daughter of Vincent J. Criswell. Died comparatively young, leaving a family of one son and several girls. One of the daughters is now deceased. Marshall, the youngest son, married Miss Annie Allen, daughter of William Allen. They have a very pretty farm, on the state road to Eldersburg. They have two daughters, Carrie and Eliza. Carrie is at home with her parents, and Eliza married Harry Yingling of Gamber, and they have a son and a daughter, Francis and Anna. Margaret Ellen, who died at the age of 16 years, 1 month and 28 days, was the first person to be buried in the churchyard at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Mechanicsville, Md. The above mentioned was the daughter of Obadiah and Hannah. Oliver Buckingham was married to Miss Caroline Parrish. During their lifetime they owned and resided on a farm near Eldersburg, adjoining on the one side the lands of Washington Manro, now the "Strawbridge Home" farm, a home for orphan boys of the Methodist Church. Here they raised their family of four sons and two daughters. They were: Vachel, Reyde, Thomas, Peyton, Amanda and Icidene. Vachel married. Had a family of several daughters and resided at Bird Hill. Later the family removed to Baltimore. Reyde married Miss Alice Deckabaugh, whose father was the famous old harness maker in his shop "By the Side of the Road"—the Old Liberty Plank Road—near Freedom, where he was a "Friend to Man". His shop was a land mark for that locality, but the old harness maker, is now gone to his reward. For years he was the Worshipful Master of Freedom Lodge No. 112, A. F. and A. M. Was a much beloved Brother and very prominent Mason and was a Charter member of that Lodge, with Warren Little, who was it's first Master, Dr. Steele and J. Oliver Wadlow, all of Freedom, and others. Reyde and Allie were parents of four sons and one daughter. Reyde died years ago. Oliver (Ollie) Wilbur, Lura, Ralph and Roy are the children. He was a produce merchant and they lived for a number of years near Freedom, later selling their home there and removing to Winfield. Ollie married a Miss Brandenburg, first wife. She died and later he married a Miss Brown. Wilbur married Miss Margaret Houck. He is now deceased. They had one daughter, Mildred, married to Harvey Dix. They have one little girl. Lura, the only daughter, took up nursing and graduated at one of the Baltimore hospitals as a nurse, R. N. She later married Ray Brown, a dairyman, and the owner of several farms, on one of which they reside, near Winfield. They have no children. Allie, just recently passed away, May 1936. Do not know to whom Ralph and Roy were married.

Thomas, married Louisa Zepp, daughter of Lawrence A. Zepp, a farmer and prominent resident, living on a farm adjoining Westminster. Then called Fair Ground Hill. The latter years of their lives they lived at Flohrville, adjoining Springfield, near Sykesville. Their children were Hollis, Carrie, Anna, Elmer, Roy and George. Hollis married a Mr. Duvall, of either Howard or Montgomery county. Carrie married George Patterson Beasman, son of Joshua Patterson Beasman and brother of Senator Johnzie E. Beasman. They have an only son, Joshua Patterson Beasman II. They reside at the old Beasman Homestead at Morgan Run. (Sad to say, the son was stricken with pneumonia and passed away April, 1936, only 23 years of age.) Anna took up nursing. Was married to Dr. Farquhar. Has no children. Elmer died in early manhood. Roy married Winifred Daley, sister to the wife of Dr. Milton D. Norris of Eldersburg. They reside in Baltimore. George married a Baltimore girl.

When Peyton grew to manhood, he took up farming as his father had done. He married Miss Sue Cover, daughter of Peter Cover, a prominent farmer of Sam's Creek. They resided on a farm near Gist where Peyton was

taken with an illness which proved to be typhoid fever, from which he did not recover. His going, left his wife and two or three small boys.

Amanda, stayed at home with her parents during their lifetime. She afterward married John W. Reynolds, a farmer in the neighborhood of Woodbine, where they resided. He died rather young, leaving several children, girls and boys. Amanda was organist for years at Freedom M. E. church South, and now resides in Baltimore, with her children.

Icidene (Denie), the youngest of the family, married Melvin Shipley, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shipley, who resided on their farm near Eldersburg and were prominent in the community. Melvin was severely hurt in an accident while at his work, which caused his death, leaving his wife and one little girl, Roberta. Her mother educated her daughter and she became a teacher in Baltimore county. Melvin was quite a young man at the time of his death.

Dennis, the youngest son, married Elizabeth Shipley, sister of James Henry Shipley, of Gist. They resided all his life on their farm near Gist. They had two children, Talbot and Sadie. Talbot married Miss Maude Shauck, a daughter of Jarrett N. Shauck, who was quite prominent in his day, and sister of William N. Shauck, (Billy), who all his life conducted a butchering business at Mechanicsville.

Talbot was a farmer and followed a farmer's life, until later in life when they built a home in Mechanicsville, where they retired to live. After the death of his parents he became owner of their farm also. They had two sons, Dennis and Berry. Dennis married a Baltimore girl I believe, and has always lived in Baltimore from the time he was grown. He was connected with some business concern there.

Berry—I think he was named for Bishop Berry—has been twice married and has a family of children, both sons and daughters. One son is Everett. Has a home in Westminster on the New Windsor road. He has a hauling and trucking business. His father did not live to enjoy retired life very long, but his mother is still living and I think she makes her home with her son Berry and family. Berry's two wives were sisters, maiden name, Dell.

Sadie grew up on the farm and married George Gorsuch. I believe they were distantly related. They had two sons, one of whom was Herbert Gorsuch, a farmer of the vicinity of Gamber. There is another son, but I haven't his name. Herbert married Daisy Shipley. His wife comes to Cassell Home regularly with the Mt. Pleasant Aid Society. Sadie and George are buried in the churchyard at Mt. Pleasant.

Some years after the death of Uncle Dennis, his widow, Aunt Lizzie was married to Wm. T. DeVries, a prominent retired farmer of Freedom and brother-in-law of J. Oliver Wadlow of the same place, as his second wife. When we moved from Eldersburg to Westminster, Mr. DeVries bought our property there, where they made their home until his death, which occurred a year or so later. He is buried in the M. E. churchyard at Freedom beside his former wife and she is buried by her former husband in the cemetery of the M. E. church South. The two churches are situated almost opposite each other on either side of the Liberty road, midway between Eldersburg and Freedom.

Mary Jane was married to Brice Shipley, a prominent farmer of Freedom Dist. Their six children were: Robert Horatio Hudson, Emma L., Hannah Elizabeth, Dora, Andie Jane and Brice McKendree (Mac). Horatio married Miss Jennie Bucher, a teacher of Hampstead. They both died only a short while apart, a few years ago, leaving one son, Robert, who was also married and had one child. Emma, who recently died and is buried in Bethesda churchyard never married, but she raised a boy and girl, and continued to live on at the "Old Homestead" during her lifetime. Hannah E., she had the same name as my mother, but she went by the name of "Libbie", which was sometimes used as a nickname for Elizabeth. She taught in the schools of Carroll County and was married to John Bennett, a young Englishman and a farmer. They settled on a farm in Woolery's Dist. They had nine children. I cannot recall the names of all, but some of them were: Leila, Mary,

Frank, William, Walter, and I think Richard and Ralph were two others. I believe they have all married. Upon the death of his parents, John bought the Bennett homestead, to which place they removed and where they continued to live until his death. I believe one of the sons, with his family and the mother, still occupy the old home. Dora married Harry Shipley, son of Vincent Shipley of Cockeysville, prominent business people of that place, where she removed with her husband when they were married and where they still live and have reared their family of children. Andie Jane, grew up on her father's farm and married Byron Shipley, son of Grove Alex. Shipley. Byron died a few years ago, leaving his wife and one son, Arthur, who married a Miss Nelson, daughter of John Nelson, of Carroll county. They have no children and the son and wife make their home with the mother on their farm near Winfield. Brice McK. (Mac), also followed farming and was married to Emma Deckabaugh, daughter of the aforementioned "Old Harness Maker", John Deckabaugh. They reside on a farm near Freedom and have two or more children. I suppose they are now grown.

Eliza Anne, was married to John T. Mallonee, a farmer of Baltimore Co. Their children were: Thomas, Annie, Hezekiah and Ephraim, Florence, and there may have been another boy. Hezekiah and Ephraim were twins and went by the names of Hezzie and Ephie when they were small, now Hez and Eph. Thomas married and also followed farming at which he was quite successful. Annie died when she was quite a young girl. Florence was a teacher in the Baltimore City schools and is now retired and living in Pikesville. Has never married but is maintaining her own home there. Hez. and Eph. are both married and live very near each other in Pikesville. Hezzie's wife was Miss Lola Harden, daughter of Tyson Harden of Pikesville, and was a young widow at the time of their marriage, but I cannot give her first married name. They have no children. Reside in Pikesville, but have a large estate in Worthington Valley. I think Ephraim has a family of children. A son of one of the boys is cashier of a bank. Am not sure if it is the bank at Pikesville or Glyndon, but I think it is Tom's son, and the bank Pikesville. Another one of the sons is Gardner Mallonee, coach of athletics at Johns Hopkins University.

The Gorsuch ancestors who came from England to America and became the head of the family on this side of the water were, like the Franklins, Wilts and Buckinghams, all of English birth and parentage.

Generation 1—**William Gorsuch** of London, married Avice Hillstone.

Gen. 2—**Darnyall Gorsuch**, married Alice, daughter of John Hall Marchant.

Gen. 3—**John Gorsuch, D. D.**, Rector of Walkholme in Herfordshire, and was also a poet of note, married Anne, daughter of Sir William Lovelace, of Kent, a Peer of the Realm. There were twelve children: the names of some of them were as follows:

Gen. 4—*Robert*, who married Elizabeth Martin Halbeth, Lovelace, Anne, Charles and Elizabeth, who was married to Thomas Powell; John, William and Catherine. Haven't the names of the other three. Lady Anne, the mother, had come to America, bringing all the children, after the mysterious death of the father,—murdered—on account of Politics, which seemed to be the common way of getting rid of people in England in those early days, when they held different views from those who happened to be in power, according to English History. Even the Cardinals and Prelates and those high in authority in the churches were not exempt. The mother later on returned to England accompanied by some of her family, some preferring to remain in America. Among the latter was Charles, who settled at Whetstone Point, now Fort McHenry, about 1659, Edward Gorsuch, a grandson of Charles, was the father of Rev. John Gorsuch II, a minister in the M. E. Church in its early days, and died in the long ago, during a session of the Baltimore Conference, which was then being held in Cumberland, about 1808. His obituary speaks of him as being a fine and gentlemanly person. A great-great-grandson of Charles, was Thomas Jefferson Gorsuch, who married Sarah J. Waite, and they had a daughter Sarah, who

married James Young, at one time State Senator of Maryland. Sarah Gorsuch Young, died in 1933. She was a very talented woman, and belonged to the Baltimore Branch, League of American Pen Women, and to the Municipal Art Society. Her obituary speaks of her two sons. One is Thomas Gorsuch Young, City Collector of Baltimore, and James Young, Actor and Director of New York and Hollywood. Sarah also has a grandson, Thomas G. Young, Jr., a student in Princeton University at the time of her death.

Col. Francis Lovelace, who was Colonial Governor of New York, when it was a British Colony, was a brother of Lady Anne, wife of John Gorsuch, D. D.

Another brother was Sir Richard, the poet. He was born in 1618 and died in 1658. He must have been the eldest son of Sir William, for the eldest son always takes the title. The familiar couplet: "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage", was written by him and are lines taken from the poem: "To Althea in Prison." Another poem of his, which I think is beautiful, ends with these lines: "I could not love thee, dear, so much, Loved I not honor more."

Gen. 5—**John**, born 1678, **Thomas**, born 1680, was married to Jane Ensor, in 1714, and died in 1752. Charles, Hannah, born 1687, died 1746.

Gen. 6—**Benjamin**, married a Miss Johnson.

Gen. 7—**Nathan I**, born about 1755 and died in 1813.

Gen. 8—Lovelace, born 1778, Margaret, born 1780, Thomas, born 1782, **Nathan II**, born 1784, Elizabeth, 1786, Sarah, born 1788, Prudence, born 1790, and **Hannah**, born 1792, and died 1877.

Gen. 9.—Elizabeth Gorsuch, born 1786, married Richard Hall. Their children were Eleanor and Juliet. The latter married Larkin Bennett, a prominent family by that name in Freedom Dist.

Sarah, born 1788, was married to Maj. Benjamin Gorsuch, who was born about 1780 and died 1858. By this marriage there were seven children: Elizabeth, Thomas, Ellen, Mary, Jane, Dennis and Robert D. Gorsuch. Thomas, married Miss Ann Pole. Their home was at Catoctin, Md., where he owned and operated the Catoctin Iron Furnaces. It is said that these furnaces were engaged in making cannon balls for the Revolutionary Army during the war for Independence, but of course that was prior to Thomas' ownership, and the iron works there have now been abandoned, ever since the depression in the early nineties. Lawrence Richey, formerly secretary to President Hoover, has purchased a large tract of the land for a game and fishing perserve. Thomas and Anne had no children, but I believe they raised Miss Jennie Pole, who was a daughter of one of Anne's brothers.

Ellen, married Thomas Goodwin, being his second wife. She was also the sister of his first wife. They had two sons: Charles E. Goodwin and H. Price Goodwin. Charles married Miss Annie Albaugh, sister of George W. Albaugh, of Westminster. He conducted a general insurance office in the city. He died in the prime of life, leaving his widow, but no children. Price, was married to Miss Effie Bennett, daughter of Eli Bennett, of the vicinity of Gamber. They reside on their farm adjoining the city limits, on the road leading to Mt. Airy. They have one son, Charles, residing in Brooklyn. He is married and has one small daughter, Ruth.

Jane Gorsuch became the second wife of Lewis N. Baile, a prominent farmer of New Windsor Dist. They had one daughter, Adella, but there were several children of the first wife, one of whom, Margaret, the youngest, is now a guest in the "Cassell Home". Her mother was a relative of the Cassell's. They continued to reside on the farm until after the death of Lewis, when Jane, with her daughter, Adella, removed to Westminster. The mother only lived a very few years, but the daughter still resides in Westminster.

Mary Gorsuch never married. Dennis went west to make his home and married a western woman.

Robert D. Gorsuch, a prominent farmer of Westminster District. I believe he lived on the farm that had been his father's. Robert married Sarah Ann Gardner, daughter of Nimrod Gardner, and their three children were: Emerson Benjamin, Nora Catherine and Harry Peyton.

Nimrod Gardner married
Catherine Buckingham, daughter of
Obadiah Sr.

Gen. 10—Benjamin went west when a young man, married a western woman and for a long time lived in the west, but removed to Washington in later years—I think during the World War. They had a family of three daughters: Mamie, now deceased, Roberta, married to Lieut. Burke, of the U. S. Navy, and Annanora. Benjamin, too, is now deceased.

Nora, never married. She was a very sweet girl, of whom I was very fond. She and her brother Harry had their home together in Westminster. She died in August, 1934.

Harry Peyton, the younger son, was at one time owner of the Iron Ore Works and Smelting Furnaces at Catoctin, which came into his possession through his uncle Thomas Gorsuch, as before mentioned, but that business became unprofitable in the depression of the early nineties. He then removed to Westminster and became a business partner in a gentlemen's clothing establishment of the firm of Sharrer & Gorsuch, and which is still a going business, 'though the firm name is changed through the death of Mr. Sharrer, to that of Starr, Gorsuch & Little. He has also, for a number of years been editor as well as one of the directors of The Times Publishing Co., of Westminster. His first page editorial in "The Times", is much enjoyed by its many readers. He has chosen to remain a bachelor and has a very pleasant home on East Main St., which was shared by his sister Nora, during her lifetime.

Hannah, the youngest daughter of Nathan Gorsuch, Sr., was born May 12, 1792, and was married to Obadiah Buckingham II, about 1819 or '20. A prominent resident of what was then Baltimore County, now Carroll. The issue of this marriage was eight children. Leonard Jackson, Thomas, Henry O., Margaret Ellen, Oliver, Mary Jane, Dennis and Eliza Anne, who are all described under the Buckingham families. Hannah lies buried beside her husband at Mt. Pleasant M. E. church at Mechanicsville. She died May 29, 1877, aged 85 years and 17 days. I remember her visiting with our parents on the farm, just a year or so before she died.

Major Benjamin Gorsuch, who married Hannah's sister Sarah, was a brother of Rezin Franklin's wife, who was Elizabeth Gorsuch, so Benjamin's sister was my father's grandmother, and Sarah's sister Hannah was my mother's grandmother, making a double relationship in that branch of the family.

Stephen Gorsuch, a brother of Major Benjamin, married Elizabeth Franklin, and they had only one son, Thomas. He married Miss Effie Albaugh, daughter of Abram Albaugh, of near St. James, Carroll County. They had a family of sons, but I think only one daughter. They removed from the farm to Waynesboro, Pa., where Thomas died a year or more ago, and the rest of the family are still living.

I failed to mention the children of Belinda, father's oldest sister, who was married to David Bloom. They resided for many years at Mt. Washington. Their children were: Isaac, Rachel, Ida, Margaret Harriet, Virginia, Thomas Gorsuch, and Edith. Mary, married William Smith of Reisterstown. They had no children. Isaac married Ellen Ruhl, of Shrewsbury, Pa. Their children were: Lenora, Ida, Harry, William, Viola, Herbert, Clay, Margaret and Edna. I believe they are nearly all married and have families of their own. Ida, married Adam Bailey, second wife. Had four children, Adam, Paul, Edith and Ruth. Adam died young, so did Edith. Paul married and has a family. Ruth married Herman Brown. Resides at Narrows, Va. No children. Margaret, married my brother Nathan Albert. They have one living daughter, Ruth. Several children died in infancy, but one little son, Frank, lived to be about three years old, when he was taken with spinal meningitis, from which he did not recover. He was a dear little fellow. They resided nearly all their married life in Westminster.

Jennie married Frank Martin; their children were Albert, Pierce and Ada, all married.

Thomas, married Emma Plowman and they had two children: Millard, who is married and has quite a family of children, and Emma, married to Lawrence Machen. They have no children. Thomas lived all his life in Mt. Washington, and was in business there. Died some years ago.

Edith was married to M. Harrington. Had no children. Both now deceased.

Margaret and Isaac are the only ones of Belinda's children now living.

(Below from Scharf's History of Western Maryland):

Apropos of the formation of Carroll County, William Cost Johnson, a man of great ability was the one who first introduced a bill before Congress for the formation of a new county, by taking a part from Frederick and a part from Baltimore. He was successful in having it pass both Houses. It was then referred to the counties, and after a hot campaign, the referendum was lost. The people, not to be discouraged, kept on fighting for it and the Governor of the State, Governor Veazy, recommending the Act, it was finally passed and signed by the Governor and became a law, January 19, 1837. Westminster had a gala parade and an address (in the Old Union Church, which stood in Westminster Cemetery), was made by James Raymond. The Court held sessions in the said Old Union Church, until the present Court House was built. The first Register of Wills was John Baumgartner, grandfather of Nathaniel H. Baumgartner, cashier of the Westminster Deposit & Trust Co. He was also a ~~brother-in-law~~ of Obadiah Buckingham, grandfather of my mother.

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George L. Little, served his Dist. as a Justice of the Peace, and also served the County as a Commissioner. Col. Peter Little had served from that section as a Member of Congress, but he died in 1830, before the formation of the new county. He was also an active and zealous officer in the Militia. Having served with honor in the War of 1812, being in command of the 38th United States Infantry. Having been appointed to that office by President Madison. He was of German-French extraction, and was of the family that came down from Pennsylvania and settled in the then Baltimore Dist. prior to 1765. I have his obituary which I will add in a separate place.

Warren Louis Little, my husband's father, also served as a Justice of the Peace in his Dist. and was a member of the House of Delegates from Carroll County at the time of his death in 1863. He was a man of many interests. Was only fifty-one at his death.

The building, now the residence of Dr. J. W. Steele (Scharf's says) a large log and frame covered building, was erected in 1769 and during the Revolution and for many, many years after, was owned and occupied by the Little's as a Tavern-Inn, Warren L. Little, was the proprietor at the time of his death, and by the way, the last one. He had succeeded his father, who died in 1853, in his eightieth year. This Inn was situated at Freedom, on the Old Liberty Road.

(Quoting Scharf).

"Freedom Lodge, A. F. and A. M. No. 112 was organized in 1862 and had for its first Master, Warren L. Little; S. W., Dr. J. W. Steele; J. W., Nicholas L. Rodgers; Sec., J. Oliver Wadlow; Treas., John Deckabaugh." The latter, in adversity, later on, held the Lodge together, through thick and thin. Door-to-Virtue, Lodge of Free Masons, No. 46, a neighboring Jurisdiction of the Freedom Lodge, was inaugurated in 1811 and celebrated its centennial year in 1911, which I very well remember, for I was present at a very interesting meeting, which was held in connection with the centennial celebration, and to which the Mason's wives and friends were invited. I remember that I enjoyed the speaking and entertainment very much. Their oldest Bro. Mason then living, Wm. A. Cunningham, Esq., was present. He was very aged and I believe it was about one of the last meetings which he was privileged to attend before his death. He was referred to as a Patriarch in Masonic circles. He had filled many offices both in No. 46 and also in the Grand Lodge. Scharf's History says that this Lodge first met in the Loft of a spring house on Beaver Dam stream, a couple of miles or so from Sam's Creek, and continued to meet there for a time, later removed to Uniontown, then to Westminster. Scharf's history says that Thomas Benjamin Franklin, of Uniontown section, was one of the first three men to be initiated into Door-to-Virtue, No. 46. He was the brother of Rachel Franklin (Albert) our grandmother. While on the subject of Lodges, my daughter Margaret and her husband, Leroy Smeak and myself,

are all members of Door-to-Virtue Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 94. Leroy, of course, is also a member of Door-to-Virtue No. 46 A. F. and A. M., and also a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 94, and Margaret is only one chair removed from the Worthy Matron's chair at present. Leroy is also a Past Master of Door-to-Virtue No. 46.

Franklinville, in Franklin Dist., named after the Franklin family, who were among the first to settle there about 1745. They migrated from Massachusetts down into the Old Commonwealth of Maryland and were descendants of Josiah Franklin, the first of the line to emigrate to America, and who settled in Boston. He was the father of the famous Benjamin Franklin, Statesman and Philosopher. They were the ancestors of our line of the Franklin family.

Scharf's History also mentions the Historic Old Stone Chapel, on the New Windsor Circuit, the outgrowth of the old log Strawbridge meeting house, and which I attended in early life, and in which I was married (in the new church). Members of our family had attended there for several generations, and some still attend services there. There is a stone up in the gable end of the church with an eagle cut on it, and the initials B. B. cut over it, and also the initials J. D. The History says these initials stand for Benjamin Bennett and Jesse Durbin, who were very active in the early erection of the church. Major Benjamin Gorsuch's name is also mentioned. He was our grandmother Albert's uncle, and is mentioned elsewhere in these pages. There is also cut on a stone up in the gable of the said church this inscription: Built in 1783, rebuilt in 1800 and again rebuilt in 1883, and I remember that dedication very well. An all-day service was held in connection with it and if I remember correctly Bishop McCabe conducted the gathering in of the balance due on the church before it could be dedicated. Said History also mentions our great-grandparents, their deaths recorded as occurring as follows: Elizabeth Wilt, of Marston, died October 2, 1856, aged 61 years, 1 month, 2 days and her husband, Jacob Wilt, of the same place, died October 27, 1873, aged 82 years.

Here I want to say something of the William Hayden family whose son Basil, married Apparilla Buckingham, sister to our mother's grandfather. The Haydens were lineal descendants of the Hayden family that came over in the Ark and the Dove with Cecelius Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, and settled in St. Mary's county.

The family faithfully represented the Irish Catholic Gentry and took active part in the first settlement of the province of Maryland. On March 17, 1768, John Hayden removed from St. Mary's county to within a mile of Westminster, where he purchased a tract of 164 acres of land called "Friendship Completed", from Isaac DeHaven, for an hundred pounds. The land was all in wood, but Mr. Hayden cleared it up, together with other tracts which he subsequently bought. John had eight daughters and one son. The latter, William, married Catherine Ensey. They had three daughters and seven sons, most of whom immigrated west and south and settled in the new territory. William died in 1802 and his wife in 1808. Of the sons, Basil remained on his father's farm, and married Apparilla Buckingham, daughter of Obadiah Buckingham, Sr., of a well-known Baltimore County family, and a sister of Obadiah Buckingham II. They had seven daughters and one son, Wm. N. Hayden, a prominent lawyer. Basil removed from his father's farm to Westminster in 1807. About the year of his marriage to Apparilla. He had learned the trade of hat-making with a Mr. Kuhn, and carried on this business for many years. He was a public spirited citizen and held several positions of honor and trust. He died in 1863 and his wife two years later, both aged 79 years, so that Basil was born about 1784 and Apparilla about 1786. Their only son, Wm. N. Hayden, who in later years studied law, was born September 23, 1817, in Westminster, in the house his father had purchased about ten years previously, upon his removal to this city, and in part of which building his father conducted his hat factory. His early education was obtained in the subscription schools of the city. In 1835 his father removed to Frederick and engaged in farming for several years. While there, William N. attended for a few months a school near Johnsville, after which he went to the Reisterstown Academy, then in charge of his brothr-in-law, Prof. N. H. Thayer. At present, (1881, Scharf's History) Librarian of Baltimore City College. Prof. Thayer's wife was a daughter of Basil and

Apparilla and a sister of Wm. N. Hayden. Here at the Academy William pursued his academic studies and imbibed a passion for Historical Literature, the reading of which induced him to turn his attention to the Law. To obtain means for the prosecution of his studies, he taught school for three years and then attended Prof. Lauver's Academy at Uniontown, after which he taught school another winter. In 1842, when he was twenty-five, he came to Westminster and began reading law with Hon. James Raymond, (instrumental in the formation of Carroll County) then an eminent Practitioner at the Carroll County Bar. He was admitted to practice in 1844 and in 1846 was appointed by the Attorney General to be Deputy Attorney General. In a short time he resigned from this office to give his attention to his own increasing practice, which was more congenial to his taste. He then formed a law partnership with John J. Baumgartner (his cousin, whose mother was also a daughter of Obadiah Buckingham, Sr.) which lasted until 1865. In 1867 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention from Carroll County, in which he served on the Judicial and Legislative Commttees, the most important in that body. In the fall of 1867 he was elected for the term of fifteen years as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court, for the 5th Judicial Dist. comprised of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel counties. In 1859 he married Eugenia Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Hon. Upton Scott. Her grandfather came from the North of Ireland and married a daughter of Normand Bruce, one of the first settlers of Bruceville, in the days before the Revolution. Judge and Eugenia, his wife, had one son and two daughters: Upton, Nellie and Nannie. On his father's side he was of Irish extraction, on his mother's of English, while his wife was of Scotch-Irish descent. His daughter Nellie married Dr. George W. Fouke and raised an interesting family of daughters. Nannie married A. W. Machen, of Baltimore. The Hayden Homestead, where his great-grandfather, John Hayden, settled in 1768, remained in the family until 1838, when it was sold and divided. The Judge was originally a Whig, but afterward connected himself with the Democratic party. He had a large and lucrative practice and was noted for the fidelity and ability with which he conducted his cases. On the Bench he was an able and upright Judge, fearless in the discharge of his duties, but genial and affable in social life. He died before the turn of the Century.

The following are family summaries and obituaries:

I also obtained quite a bit of McMurray history from Scharf's History of Western Maryland. My husband's grandmother was Anne McMurray, making my children in direct line of descent in the McMurray family. She was born in Virginia in 1788, to which place her parents, John McMurray and wife had come from Ireland, but they removed from there to Baltimore Co., Md., now Carroll County in 1789. Then her mother took her to Baltimore and had her baptized in the Cathedral by the Rev. John Carroll, the first Archbishop of Baltimore. Shortly before her death, at the age of ninety-three, there having been no record of her ever having been confirmed, she was then confirmed by Archbishop Gibbons who still fills the office. (This history was written in 1881.) He was later made Cardinal, and filled the office for many years. Anne married John Little, of Freedom, then Baltimore Co. He was a brother of Col. Peter Little, prominent in the affairs of his country. They were Protestants. Her family are all described under the Little History. Anne also had a brother Samuel, who married Miss Sarah Sellman. They were the parents of Louis McMurray, pioneer Canner in Maryland. He was also quite an inventor. Louis was born in Baltimore (now Carroll Co.) twenty-eight miles northwest of Baltimore City, February 27, 1823. Louis also had three sisters, Catherine, Anne Sellman and Caroline. His father was a farmer, but moved to Baltimore in 1832, when Louis was nine years of age. Samuel, brother of Anne and father of Louis, was born on his father's farm (John McMurray) in 1792, after they had moved from Virginia to Maryland, which farm had been purchased in 1789. Samuel went to Baltimore in 1813 and 1814 and took an active part in defending the City in the War of 1812. He returned to his farm in 1815, and it was in that year that he married Sarah Sellman. She was a daughter of Vachel and Eleanor (Gill) Sellman and Eleanor's father, Mr. Gill, was one of the leading farmers of Black Rock,

Baltimore County. Vachel's father was John Sellman, of William, who came to this country in 1750 and established the Furnace or Ironworks situated about two miles west of Westminster, and which were worked up until the 1880's. John Sellman, had two other sons, Jonathan and Johanzee, they were also brothers of Vachel. John was direct ancestor of Uncle Joshua Sellman, who was married to grandmother (Wilt) Buckingham's sister Jane. Of Louis McMurray's sisters: Catharine married twice: first, Adolphus Dellinger, a merchant of Baltimore and Cincinnati. He died in 1844. In 1846 she married Ira S. Holden, a merchant in New Orleans. They are both buried in Greenmount cemetery. Ann Sellman McMurray, married Micajah Young and lived in Alabama. Caroline McMurray, married Charles E. Houghton, a merchant of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had three sons that I remember. Charles, Louis McM. and Ira. Samuel McMurray, as I have before mentioned, moved with his family, consisting of three daughters and one son, to Baltimore in 1832, and engaged in the hotel business until his death in 1850. In 1851 Louis McMurray was married to Jane Monica McDermott, by Rev. Alexius Elder. She was the daughter of Frances McDermott, of York, Pa., a distinguished teacher, in his day. He was one of the pioneer packers of sugar corn in this part of the country, having a large factory in Frederick, also in Baltimore, where he owned a fine home. He also had a thousand acres or more of land and employed a thousand or more people. He invented a number of patents and had the pleasure of using them in his own factories. He started packing in a small way, all the work, you may say, being done by hand, and it was then consigned to Ira S. Holden at New Orleans and sold at enormous profit. His goods were later shipped to all parts of this and other countries.

The following is a memorial to Col. Peter Little, of Freedom and Baltimore, who was the Twelfth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1818 and 1819. It was written by his brother members and a copy of it sent to his family. He was a brother of John Little, my husband's grandfather.

The subject of the following sketch was born in Pennsylvania, December 11, 1775. He was of German and French extraction. His grandfather, Ludrich Little, having immigrated from Germany in 1737 to the then Province of Pennsylvania, where he laid out the village of Little's Town, of which he was the proprietor. Peter, in 1789, came to Baltimore and learned the trade of watchmaker and silversmith. In October, 1806, he was elected to represent Baltimore county in the State Legislature. He was subsequently rendered ineligible on account of his receiving the command of the 50th Regiment Militia. In 1810 he was elected a Representative to the 12th Congress from the Dist. composed of Baltimore City and County. He was one of those who voted for the War which was declared against Great Britain June 18, 1812. He supported all the measures of the Government necessary for its prosecution and accepted the command of the 38th United States Infantry, which he retained until the conclusion of the War, a period of two years and eight months. Being out of business at the end of the War, he removed to Freedom and settled on a farm. In October, 1815, he was once more elected to represent Baltimore County, in the State Legislature, in which he continued one year, when the Dist. elected him a representative to the 14th U. S. Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Pinkney (and I think it was his grandson, William Pinkney Whyte, who was later Governor of Maryland) who was appointed on a mission to Naples and to Russia. He continued to represent his Dist. in Congress until October, 1829, a period of thirteen years in a stretch. He was initiated, passed and raised, in Concordia Lodge No. 13, in 1797. (Entered May 20. 1797, passed June 15, 1797, raised November 6, 1797). Was Worshipful Master in 1802 and again in 1806. During his residence in the precincts of Baltimore, he was a regular attending member of the Lodge, frequently presiding, besides serving at different times in almost every subordinate office. He assisted in the formation of Temple Lodge No. 26 at Reisterstown, June 1798, and of which he was the first Master, having probably demitted from Concordia, but for a short time only, for in 1819, to use his own words, he is now a member of Concordia

Lodge, and in all probability will continue, so long as it may please Almighty God, mercifully to continue him in this life. He owes much to that noble Institution, for the formation and improvement of his mind, character and happiness. He was a member of Concordia Lodge when he died. He was elected Grand Secretary in 1798 and Grand Swordbearer in 1799. His Brethren not so slow to appreciate his worth, made almost constant use of his services—he being Grand Treasurer from 1804 to 1807, and at the same time acting as Grand Inspector for Baltimore Co. He was also chairman of various important committees, and a member of the building committee on the Hall in St. Paul St. He was elected Grand Senior Warden in 1811 and in 1818 was chosen Grand Master, serving two terms and filling the office with signal ability and to the satisfaction of the Brethren. Brother Little also belonged to Chapter No. 2 of the Royal Arch Masons and was a member of the old Lodge of Perfection. He died on his farm near Freedom, then Baltimore, now Carroll Co., on February 5, 1830, after a severe illness of twelve days, aged 54 years, 1 month and 24 days. Few men enjoyed the confidence and esteem of those who knew him best in such a high degree, as did Col. Little, because of his kind and obliging disposition, unwavering fidelity and rigid perseverance in well doing. There was no pretention to superiority in the character of Col. Little, nor did he ever aim to affect; but his steadiness and usefulness—the certainty of finding him at his post in the performance of duty; and the assurance that he would support the principles that he proclaimed, together with his unassuming manners and tolerant spirit, caused him to be highly esteemed by his fellow members, and regarded by the public as one of the few business men of the House of Representatives. As a soldier he had no opportunity to display himself, except in the preparations of his Regiment for service, by which he won the confidence of his superiors, while all under his command regarded him as a friend. As a husband and father, neighbor or friend, Col. Little had no superior. No man so situated, had less of personal enmity toward him—none more zealous and decided attachments in his favor. His nearest friends, and of twenty-five or thirty years standing, were not disappointed in Col. Little. His decease made a breach in society that will long remain unfilled, but the loss of such a man to his family is severe indeed.

The following testimony of his worth is copied from the records of the Grand Lodge: At a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, held in the City of Baltimore, on the 18th day of May, 1830, among other proceedings the following took place: Bro. George Keyser, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted: Whereas, It has pleased the Great Disposer of Events, to take unto Himself, since the last semi-annual communication of this Grand Lodge, our much beloved, highly respected and valued brother, Colonel Peter Little, Past Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, who was summoned from this world of trial and probation into the presence of his Redeemer and Judge, on the 5th day of February last. And, Whereas, this Grand Lodge is deeply impressed with his long and faithful attachment to our order; the zeal and never-ceasing kindness with which he complied with the duties of his public, as well as private life; his amiable and engaging manner, steadiness of character, resolution in well-doing, and fear of doing wrong; the charities of his heart, and the liberality of his hand, according as God had given him the ability, proving himself in truth and indeed an ornament of our institution, to which he freely acknowledged that he owed most of his formation of mind, character and happiness. And, Whereas, this Grand Lodge has much reason to deplore the loss it has sustained in the death of him, whose removal from them, we humbly trust has been to his eternal gain. Therefore—Be it resolved, That this Grand Lodge shall be clothed in the usual demonstrations of mourning for six months, in testimony of the high respect entertained for the memory of our deceased Brother, Colonel Peter Little, Past Grand Master of Masons of Maryland. Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do sincerely sympathize with the family of our late Brother in their heavy bereavement. Resolved: That these proceedings be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the family of the deceased. A committee was appointed to procure a lithograph portrait of him, and of which the accompanying engraving of this sketch is copied. Brother Little's

first wife was a daughter of Captain Lively, the party with whom he learned his trade. He left several sons, William Stewart, Henry, John Hancock, Octavius and George Alanson. Octavius was Major of the 9th Regiment, U. S. Army, but resigned at the breaking out of the War with the South and joined his fortunes with that section, and was killed at the battle of Iuka, Mississippi. His only daughter Annabel, married Dr. Henry Willis Baxley, of Baltimore. Brother Little's remains are interred in a country churchyard near Freedom, where you can find his grave today. His son, George Alanson, who died July 20, 1857, aged 31 years, 3 months and 12 days, lies buried in the same lot. I think he must have been the son of the second wife, for he was only about four years old at his father's death. I have added this last paragraph. Col. Peter Little was one of my husband's ancestors.

Obituary of Col. Samuel C. Little—who was my husband's Uncle—Copied from Baltimore Sun.

"COL. SAMUEL C. LITTLE DEAD."

He was the Last Proprietor of Old Guy's Hotel. A Veteran Hotel Man.

Mr. Samuel C. Little, the last proprietor of Guy's Hotel, died at five minutes of one o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of L. Martin, No. 215 N. Liberty Street where he had made his home since his retirement from active life many years ago. Mr. Little was born in Baltimore County, ~~then~~ now Carroll, Dec. 19th, 1813, and died Dec. 18th, 1899, lacking one day of being eighty-six years of age. When he grew to manhood he taught school for several years, before removing to Baltimore. He came to Baltimore when still a young man and secured employment as book-keeper of the old United States Hotel, located where the Custom House now stands. Mr. Little remained there for about twelve years and was then engaged as book-keeper by Mr. Guy, proprietor of Guy's Hotel a famous hostelry, which stood on Calvert St., between Fayette and Lexington, Sts. Here the work of keeping the books was intermingled with a bit of romance. The handsome book-keeper and a daughter of the proprietor of the hotel, fell in love with each other. Evidently they concluded that Host Guy would not consent to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Lizzie Guy, with the book-keeper, and so they decided to have the nuptial knot tied without parental consent, and a runaway match was the result. The couple were married and left Baltimore, but parental forgiveness soon followed and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Little returned to the hotel. This was about the year 1856. Mrs. Little, only lived about six years after their marriage. Mr. Guy died in the early sixties and after his death Mr. Little became engaged in the management of the hotel, with Mrs. Miller, a widowed daughter of Mr. Guy. Soon thereafter, however, W. H. Clabaugh bought Mrs. Miller's interest in the hotel and Mrs. Miller opened a hotel at Chester and Seventh Sts., Philadelphia, where Mr. Little later joined her. After Clabaugh had conducted Guy's Hotel for about seven months, Mr. Little returned to Baltimore and bought him out and continued as proprietor until the building was bought by the United States Government, as a part of the site for the City Post Office in the early eighties. After the sale of the building, he retired and has been living at the Martin's, whose house is known, especially among theatrical people, all over the country. Mr. Little was a tall handsome man and was widely known. He made many Maryland dishes famous. He was fondly known as Colonel, among his friends, on account of his military appearance. In 1859, Mr. Thomas Boylan became associated with Mr. Little, at Guy's, and a close friendship was cemented, which continued until Mr. Little's death. A sister, Mrs. James, survives Mr. Little."

Another large hotel, which was bought at about the same time as Guy's, for a part of the Post Office grounds, was Barnums Hotel. These two large hotels stood on opposite corners and you might call them rivals. They were the largest and best hotels in Baltimore city at that time. And those were the days when the popular hotels certainly did a big business. I remember seeing them just before they were demolished for the Post Office. It seemed a shame to tear down such fine looking buildings, but I suppose they were in the path of progress.

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I believe I have now come to the end of my family narrative. I have written about all that I could gather or remember. I probably could have gotten a great deal more, as regards names and data, but felt that probably others might not be as keenly interested as myself and didn't like to bother any one. I realize that it is written very imperfectly and that there is a good bit of repetition, which I think is partly due to the fact that there were quite a lot of inter-marriages; between the different branches of the families. For instance: The Franklin, Wilt, Buckingham and Gorsuch families, intermarried quite a bit. And then too, the repetition was caused partly by being written just a little at a time, sometimes with long intermissions between. For I commenced this story about 1930 and have just written in my spare time, which in some weeks and months was very little and then I have re-written and added to it several times and even now I think of many things that I have since learned and should like to have added, but feel that I really can't re-write it any more. In the first place I startd out with the idea of giving my own children, younger brothers and sisters, and their children all the information of their ancestors that I could gather, for none of them had ever been privileged to know very many of their older relatives. So if it proves interesting to them, I shall be fairly satisfied. Of course I should like it to prove interesting to others, but fear I have not been fortunate enough in gathering sufficient outside information, but in bringing the different branches down to the present time, it will not be a difficult matter to continue it on. I also realize that there may probably be plenty of mistakes, but I aim to have a number of blank pages left in the back of the book, on which corrections and additions can be made at any time.

(Signed) MILLIE ALBERT LITTLE.
(Mrs. Samuel L.)

August 25th, 1936.

Presented by Mrs. S. L. Little
Westminster, Md.
April 5, 1938.

[in response to a request for it written by F. J. Kennedy]